Fiue hundreth points of good husbandry vnited to as many of good huswiferie, first deuised, & nowe lately augmented with diuerse approued lessons concerning houses & gardening, and other needefull matters, together with an abstract before euery moneth, containing the whole effect of the sayd moneth with a table & a preface in the beginning both necessary to be reade, for the better vnderstanding of the booke.

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¶ Cum priuilegio.

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¶ A lesson how to conferre euery abstract with his moneth.

¶ In euery month, er in aught be begonne,
Reade ouer that month, what au ales to be donne
So neither this trauail, shal seeme to be loll:
Nor thou to repent, of this trifeling coll.

The figure of abstract, and month do agree,
Which one to another, relacions bee,
The lessons that after those figures do stand:
Be points of them selues, to be taken in hande.

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To the Right honorable and my *ſpeciall good Lord and maiſter*, the Lord Paget of Beuerſet.

Chap. 1.

MY Lord, your father loued me
and you my Lord, haue proued me,
And both your loues haue moued me,
to wright as here is donne:
Synce God hath hence your father,
ſuch flowers as I gather,
I dedicate now rather,
to you my Lord his ſonne.

Your father was my founder,
till death became his wounder:
no ſubiect euer ſounder,
whom Prince auauncement gaue:
As God did here defend him,
and honour here did ſend him,
ſo will I here commend him,
as long as life I haue.

His neighbours then did bliſſe him,
his ſeruants now do miſſe him,
the poore would gladly kiſſe him
aliue againe to bee:
But God hath wraught his pleaſure,
and bleſt him out of meaſure,
with heauen and earthly treaſure,
ſo good a God is hee.

His counsel had I vsed,
Ceres the goddesse of husbandry. and Ceres art refused,
I needed not thus haue mused
nor droope as now I doe:
But I must play the farmer,
and yet no whit the warmer,
although I had his armer,
and other comfort to.

The foxe doth make me mind him,
whose glory so did blinde him,
Aesops fable. til taile cut of behinde him;
no fare could him content:
Euen so must I be prouiug,
such glory I had in louing,
of things to plough behouing,
that makes me now repent.

Loytrers I kept so meany,
both Philip, hob and Cheany;
Salust. that that way nothing geany,
was thought to make me thriue:
Like Iugurth Prince of Numid,
my gold away consumid,
with losses so perfumid
was neuer none aliue.

Great fines so nere did pare me,
great rent so much did skare me,
great charge so long did dare me:
that made me at length cry creak:
Much more of al such fleeses,
as oft I lost by peeces,
among such wiely geeses,
I list no lenger speake.

Though countrey helth long staid, me yet

yet leaſe expiering fraied me,
and (ictus ſapit) praied me,
to ſeeke more ſteady ſtaye:
New leſſons then I noted,
and ſome of old I coted,
leaſt ſome ſhould thinke I doted,
by bringing naught away.

Though Pallas hath denid me,
her learned pen to guide me,
for that ſhe daily ſpide me,
with countrey how I ſtood:
Yet Ceres ſo did bold me,
with her good leſſons told me,
that rudenes cannot hold me,
from doing countrey good.

Pallas goddeſſe of wiſedom & cunning

By practiſe and il ſpeeding,
theſe leſſons had their breeding,
and not by here ſay, or reeding,
as ſome abrode haue blowen:
who wil not thus beliue me,
ſo much the more they greiue me,
becauſe they grutch to geiue me,
that is of right mine owne.

At firſt for want of teaching,
at firſt for triefles breaching,
at firſt for ouer reaching,
and lacke of taking hid:
what cauſe that toile ſo toſt me,
that practiſe ſo much coſt me,
that raſhnes ſo much loſt me,
or hindred as it did.

Yet wil I not diſpaire,
through Gods good gift ſo faire,

through

through friendship, golde and prayer,
in countrey againe to dwell,
VVhere rent so shall not paine me,
but paines shal help to gaine me,
and gaines shal help maintaine me,
new lessons moe to tell.

For Citie seemes a wringer,
the peny for to finger,
from such as there do linger,
or for their pleasure lye.
Though countrey be more paineful,
and not so greedy gaineful,
yet is it not so vaineful,
in following fancies eye.

I haue no labour wanted,
to prune this tree I planted,
whose fruite to none is scanted,
in house nor yet in feeld.
VVhich fruit to say (who hast of)
though nere so much they taste of,
yet can they make no waste of,
such fruite this tree doth yeeld.

This tree or booke thus framed,
with title already named-
I trust goes forth vnblamed
in your good Lordships name.
As my good Lord I take you,
and neuer wil forsake you,
so now I craue to make you,
defender of the same.

Your humble seruant
Thomas Tusser.

The Authors epiſtle to the late Lord

william paget, wherin he doth diſcourſe of his own bringing vp. and of the goodnes of the ſaid Lord his Maſter vnto him, and the occaſion of this his booke, thus ſet forth of his own long practiſe.

Cap. 2.

THOMAS
Tyme trieth the troth, in euery thing
How euer man doth to pleaſe his minde,
Of workes, which beſt way profit bring,
Men raſh to iudge, ſeeme often blinde.
As therefore trothe, in time ſhall craue,
So let this booke, iuſt fauour haue.

THOMAS
Take you my Lord, and Maſter than,
Vnleſſe miſchance, miſchanceth me:
Such homely gift, of me your man,
Since more in court, I may not be.
And let your praiſe, woune heretofore,
Remaine abrode for euermore.

MADE ME
My ſeruing you, thus vnderſtand,
And God his help, and yours withall,
Did cauſe good lucke, to take mine hand,
Erecting one, moſt like to fall.
My ſeruing you, I know it was,
Enforced this to come to paſſe.

The Epiſtle.

Since being once, at Cambridge taught,
Of court ten yeares, I made aſſaye,
No muſick then, was left vnſaught,
Such care I had, to ſerue that way.
when ioy gan ſlake, then made I chaunge,
Expulſed mirth, for muſick ſtrange.

My muſick ſince, hath ben the plough,
Entangled with ſome care amonge,
The gayne not great, the paine enough,
Hath made me ſing, another ſong,
which ſong, if well I may avow,
I craue it iudged be by yow.

Your ſeruant Thomas Tuſſer

Chap. 3.

I Haue ben prayde
to shew mine ayde,
in taking payne,
not for the gayne,
but for good will
to shewe such skill
as shewe I coulde:
That husbandrye
with huswifery e,
as Cock and Hen
to countrey men,
all straungenes gone
mought ioyne in one
as louers should.

I trust both this,
perfourmed is,
and how that here,
it shall appere,
with iudgement right,
to thy delight,
is brought to passe:
That such as wiue
and faine would thryue,
be plainely taught,
how good from naught,
may trym be tryed,
and liuely spied,
as in a glasse.

VVhat should I wyn
by writing in
my losses past
that ranne as fast
as running streame
from reame to reame
that flowes so swift:
For that I could
not get for gould,
to teache me how
as this doth yow,
through dayly gayne,
the way so playne,
to come by thrift.

VVhat is a grote
or twayne, to note,
once in the life
for man or wife,
to saue a pounde
in house or ground
eche other weeke:
VVhat more for helth.
what more for welth,
what needeth lesse
runne Iack, help Besse,
to stay amys
not hauing thys
farre of to seeke.

To the Reader.

I do not craue
moe thankes to haue,
then geuen to me
all ready be,
but this is all
to ſuch as ſhall
peruſe this booke:
That for my ſake
they gently take
what ere they finde
againſt their minde,
when he or ſhe
ſhall minded be
therein to looke.

And graunt me now
thou reader thow,
of termes to vſe
ſuche choyſe to chuſe,
as may delight
the countrey wight
and knowledge bring:
For ſuch do prayſe
the countrey phrayſe,
the countrey actes,
the countrey factes,
the countrey toyes
before the ioyes
of any thing.

Nor looke thou here
that euery ſhere,
of euery verſe
I thus reherſe,
may profit take
or vantage make
by leſſons ſuch:
For here we ſee
things ſeuerall bee,
and there, no dike
but champion like,
and ſandye ſoyle
and clayey toyle
do ſuffer much.

Thus being wayde
be not afrayde,
to buy to proue
to reade with loue,
to followe ſome
and ſo to come
by practiſe trew:
My payne is paſt,
thou warning haſt,
thexperience myne,
the vantage thyne,
may geue thee choyce
to crye or reioyce,
and thus adew.

Finis T. Tuſſer.

Cap. 4.

WHat lookeſt thou herein to haue,
Fine verſes thy fanſie to pleaſe?
Of many my betters that craue,
Loke nothing but rudenes in theaſe

VVhat other thing lookeſt thou then?
Graue ſentences many to finde?
Such poets haue twentie and ten,
Yea thouſandes contenting the minde,

what looke ye, I pray you ſhew what?
Termes painted with rethorick fyne?
Good huſbandry ſeeketh not that,
Nor iſtanie meaning of mine.

what lookeſt thou ſpeake at the laſt,
Good leſſons for thee and thie wife?
Then keepe them in memorie faſt,
To helpe as a comfort to life.

what loke ye for more in mi booke?
Points nedeful & meete to be knowen?
Then dailie be ſure to looke,
To ſaue to be ſure thine owne.

Chap. 5.

Let house haue to fill her,
Let land haue to till her.

No dwellers, what profiteth house for to stand,
what goodnes, vnoccupied bringeth the land.

No labor no bread,
No host we be dead.

No husbandry vsed, how soone shall we sterue,
housekeeping neglected, what comfort to serue.

Ill father no gift,
No knowledge no thrift.

The father an vnthrift, what hope to the sonne,
the ruler vnskilfull, how quickly vndonne.

Chap. 6.

As true as thy fayth,
this Riddle thus sayth.

I Seeme but a drudge, yet I passe any king,
to such as can vse me, great wealth I do bring.
Since Adam first liued, I neuer did die.
The praise of husbandry.
When Noe was a shipman, there also was I.
The earth is my storehouse, the sea my fishpond,
what good is in eyther, by me it is fonde,
What hath any life, but I helpe to preserue,
what wight without me, but is ready to sterue.
In woodland, in Champion, City or towne,
if long I be absent, what falleth not downe.
If long I be present, what goodnes can want,
though things at my comming, were neuer so scant.
So many as loue mee, and vse me a right,
with treasure and pleasure, I richly acquite.
Great kings I do succour, else wrong it would go,
the king of all kings hath appointed it so.

Chap. 7.

OF husband, doth husbandry challenge that name
of husbandry, husband doth likewise the same.
where huswife and huswifery, toyneth with thease,
there wealth in abundance, is gotten with ease.

The name of a husband, what is it to saye,
of wife and the houshold, the band and the staye.
Some husbandly thriueth, that neuer had wife,
yet skarce a good husband, in goodnes of life.

The husband is hee, that to labor doth fall,
the labour of him, I do husbandry call.
If thrift by that labour, be any way caught:
then is it good husbandry, els is it naught.

So houshold and housholdry, I do define,
for folke and the goods, that in house be of thine.
House keeping to them, as a refuge is set,
which like as it is, so report it doth get.

Be house or the furniture, neuer so rude,
of husband and husdandry, (thus I conclude)
that huswife and huswiferie, if it be good,
must pleasure togither, as cosins in blood,

The ladder to thrift. Chap. 8.

TO take thy calling thankfully,
and shonne the path to beggery.

2 To grudge in youth no drudgery,
to come by knowledge perfectly

3 To compt no trauell slauery.
that brings in peny sauerly.

4 To solow profit earnestly.
but medle not with pilfery.

5 To get by honest practisy.
and keepe thy gettings couertly.

6 To lash not out too lashingly,
for feare of pinching penury.

7 To get good plot to occupy,
and store and vse it husbandly.

8 To shew to landlord curtely,
and keepe thy couenants orderly.

9 To holde that thine is lawfully,
for stoutnes or for flattery.

10 To wed good wife for company,
and liue in wedlock honestly.

11 To furnish house with houshold-ry,
and make prouicion skilfully.

12 To ioyne to wyfe good family,
and none to keepe for brauery.

13 To suffer none liue idlely,
for feare of idle knauery.

14 To courage wife in huswifery,
and vse well doers gentely.

15 To keepe no more but needefully,
and coumpt excesse vnsauery.

16 To raise betimes by readely,
both snoring Hob and Margery.

17 To walke thy pastures vsually,
to spie il neighbours suttletie.

18 To hate reuengement haskely,
for loosing loue and amitie.

19 To liue by neighbour neighbourly,
and shewe him no discurtesie.

20 To aunswere straunger ciuely,
but shew him not thy secretie.

21 To vse no friend disceitefully,
and offer no man villeny.

22 To learne how foe to pacifie,
but trust him not to trustely.

23 To kepe thy touch substancially,
and in thy word vse constancy.

24 To make thy bandes aduisedly,
and come not bond through suertye.

25 To hate to liue in infamy,
through craft and liuing naughtely.

26 To banish house of blasphemy,
least Crosses crosse vnluckely.

27 To stop mischaunce, through polecy,
for chauncing to vnhappely.

28 To beare thy crosses paciently,
for worldly thinges are slippery.

29 To traine thy child vp vertuously,
that vertue, vice may qualifie.

30 To bridle wild otes fantazie,
to spend thee naught vnthriftely.

31 To pray to God continually
to aid thee against thine enemy.

32 To spende the Saboth holyly,
and helpe the poore in misery.

33 To liue in conscience quietly,
and kepe thy selfe from malady.

34 To ease thy sickenes spedely,
er helpe be past recouery.

These be the steppes vnfainedly
to climbe to thrift by husbandry.

The lesson. ¶ Thease steppes both reach,
and teach thee shal,
to come by thrift,
to shift with al.

Good husbandly leſsons worthy to bee followed of ſuch as will thriue. Chap. 9.

GOD sendeth & geueth, both mouth and the meate,
and feedeth vs all, with his benefites great.
Serue willingly God, that so richely doth giue,
shew loue to thy neighbour, and lay for to liue.

2 True wedlocke is best, for auoiding of sinne,
the bed vndefiled, much honour doth winne.
Though loue be in chusing, farre better then gold,
let loue come with some what, the better to hold.

3 Where cooples agree not, is ranker and strife,
where such be together, is seldome good life.
Where cooples in wedlocke, do louely agree:
there foison remaineth if wisedome there bee.

4 Who loketh to marrye, must lay to keepe house,
for loue may not alway be playing with douse.
If childzen encrease, and no stay of thine owne,
what afterwards followes, is sone to be knowne.

5 Once charged with childzen, or likely to bee,
giue ouer to sudgerne, that thinkest to thee. thee for thyne.
Least grutching of hostis, and crauing of nurse:
be costly and noisome to thee and thy purse.

6 Good husbandes that loueth, good houses to kepe,
are oftentimes carefull, when others do sleepe.
To spend as they may, or to stop at the furst,
for running in daunger, or fere of the wurst.

7 Go compt with thy coefers, when haruest is in,
which way for thy profite, to saue or win.
of tone of them bothe, if a sauer we smel:
house keeping is godly, where euer we dwel.

8 Sonne, thinke not thy mony purse bottom to burn
but kepe it for profite, to serue thine owne turne.

a foole and his money, be soone at debate:
which after with sorow, repents him to late.

9 Good bargaine a doing, make priuie but fewe,
in selling, refraine not abroade it to shewe.
In making make hast, and away to thy pouch:
in selling no hast, if ye dare it auouch.

10 Good landlord who kindeth, is blessed of God,
a cumbersome landlord, is husbandmans rod.
He noieth, destroieth, and all to this drift:
to strip his poore tenant, of ferme and of thrift.

11 Once placed for profite, looke neuer for ease,
except ye beware of such mychers as thease.
4. beggers Unthrift ines, slouthfulnes, careles and rash,
that thrusteth thee headlong, to runne in the lash.

12 Make money thy drudge, for to follow thy warke
Thrifftes officers. make wisedome controller, good order thy clarke.
Prouision Cater, and skil to bee cooke:
make steward of all, pen and inke and thy booke.

13 Make hunger thy sauce, as a medecen for helth,
make thryft to be butler, as phisicke for welth.
Thrifftes phisicke Make eye to be vsher, good vsage to haue:
make bolt to be porter, to kepe out a knaue.

14 Make husbandry bayly, abrode to prouide,
make huswifery daily, at home for to guide.
Make cofer fast locked, thy treasure to keepe:
make house to be sure, the safer to sleepe.

15 Make

15 Make bandog thy scoutwatch, to barke at a theke,
make currage for like, to be capitaine chiefe.
Make trapdore thy bulwarke, make bell to beginne:
make gunstone and arrow, shew who is within.

Husbandly armours

16 The credite of master, to brothel his man,
and also of mistresse to minnekin Nan,
Be causers of opening, a number of gappes:
that letteth in mischiefe, and many mishaps.

Thiues to thrift.

17 Good husband he trudgeth, to bring in the gaines,
good huswife she drudgeth, refusing no paines,
Though husband at home, be to compt ye wot what,
yet huswife within, is as nedeful as that.

18 What helpeth in store, to haue neuer so much,
halfe lost by ill vsage, il huswiues and such.
So, twenty lode bushes, cut downe at a clapp:
such heede may be taken, shal stoppe but a gapp.

19 A reacheleſſe ſeruant, a miſtreſſe that ſkowles,
a rauening maſtife, and hogges that eate fowles.
A giddy braine maſter, and ſtroy al his knaue:
bringes rueling to ruine, and thrift to her graue.

6. noiances to thrift.

20 With some vpon Sundaies, theire tables do reeke
and halfe the weeke after, their dinners to seeke.
Not often exceading, but alway enough:
is husbandly fare, and the guise of the plough.

21 Eche day to be feasted, what husbandrie wurse.
eche day for to feast, is as il for the purse.

Yet measurely feasting, with neighbours among:
shal make thee beloued, and liue the more long.

22 Things husbandly hãdsome, let workman cõtriue
but build not for glory, that thinkest to thriue.
Who fondly in doing, consumeth his stocke:
in theend for his folly, doth get but a mocke.

23 Spend none but your owne, how soeuer ye spend,
for bribing and shifting, haue seldome good end.
Tithe duely and truely, with harty good wil:
that God and his blessing, may dwell with thee still.

24 Be suertie seldome. (but neuer for much)
for feare of purse penylesse, hanging by such.
Or skarborow warning, as ill I beleue,
when (Sir I arest ye) gets hold of thy sleue.

25 Vse (legem pone) to pay at thy daye,
but vse not Oremus, for often delaye.
Yet (Presta quæsumus) out of a grat:
of al other collects, the lender doth hate.

26 Who liuing but lendes, and be lent to they must,
else buying and selling, mought lye in the dust.
But shameless and crafty, that desperat are:
make many full honest, the worser to fare.

27 At sometime to borow, accompt it no shame,
if iustly thou keepest thy touch for the same.
Who quick be to borrow, and slow be to pay:
their credit is naught, go they neuer so gay.

28 who

28 Who breaketh his credite, or cracketh it twise,
trust such with a fuertie, if ye be wise.
Or if he be angry, for asking thy due:
once euen, to him afterward, lend not a new.

29 Accompt it wel solde, that is iustly wel paide,
and compt it wel bought, that is neuer denayd.
But yet here is tone, here is tother doth best:
for buyer and seller, for quiet and rest.

30 Leaue Princes affaires vndertaken on,
and tend to such doinges as standes thee vpon.
In substance, although ye haue neuer so much,
delite not in parasites, harlots and such.

31 As Interest or vsery playeth the deuel,
so, hilbacke and filbelly, byteth as euil:
Put dycing among them, and dotking the dell:
and smel of a begger where euer ye dwell.

32 Once weekely remember, thy charges to cast,
once monthly see how, thy expenses may last.
If quarter declareth too much to be spent:
for feare of yll yere, take aduise of thy rent.

33 Who orderly entreth, his paiment in booke,
may orderly find them againe if he looke,
And he that entendeth, but once for to paye:
shal finde this in doing, the quietest waye.

34 In dealing vprightly, this counsell I teache,
first recken, then write, or to purse ye do reache.

Then pay and dispatch him, as sone as ye can,
for lingring is hinderance to many a man.

35 Haue waightes I aduise thee, for siluer and gold,
for some be in knauery, now a daies bolde.
And for to be sure, good money to pay:
receiue that is currant, as nere as ye may.

36 Delight not for pleasure, two houses to keepe,
least charge without measure, vpon thee do creepe,
And Jankin and Jenyking, colen thee so:
to make the repent it, or yere about go.

37 The stone that is rouling, can gether no mosse,
who often remoueth, is sure of losse.
The riche it compelleth, to pay for his pride,
the poore, it vndoeth on euery side.

38 The eye of the Master, enricheth the hutch,
the eye of the mistresse, auaileth as much.
Which eye, if it gouerne with reason and skill:
hath seruant and seruice, at pleasure and will.

39 Who seketh reuengement of euery wrong,
in quiet nor saftie, continueth long.
So he that of willfulnesse trieth the law:
shal striue for a corcome, and thriue as a dawe.

40 To hunters and haukers, take heede what ye say,
mild aunswere with curtesie, driues them away,
so, where a mans better, will open a gapp:
resist not with rudenesse for feare of mishapp.

41 A man

41 A man in this world, for a churle that is knowne,
shall hardly in quiet, keepe that is his owne.
where lowly and such, as of curtesie smelles:
findes favor and friendship, where euer he dwelles,

42 Keepe truly thy Saboth the better to speede,
keepe seruant fro gadding, but when it is need.
keepe fysh day and fasting day, as they do fall:
what custome thou keepest let others keepe all.

43 Pay wekely thy workman, his household to feede,
pay quarterly seruaunts, to buy as they neede.
geue garment to such, as deserue and no mo:
lest thou and thy wife, without garment do go.

44 Beware raskabilia, slouthfull to wurke,
proloiners and filchers, that loueth to lurke.
away with such lubbers, so loth to take paine:
that roules in expences, but neuer no gayne.

45 Good wife, and good childzen, are worthy to eate
good seruant, good labozer, earneth their meat.
good friend and good neighbours that fellowly gest:
with hartely welcome, should haue of the best.

46 The greatest preferment, that child we can geue.
is learning and nurture, to traine him to leue.
which who so it wanteth, though left as a squyer:
consumeth to nothing, as block in the fyer.

47 These lessons approued, yf wisely ye note,
may saue and aduantage ye, many a grote.

Which if ye can follow, occasion found:
then euery lesson, may saue thee a pound.

An habitation enforced aduisedly to be folowed better late then neuer: made vpon these wordes, sit downe Robin and rest thee. Chap. 10.

MI friend if cause doth wrest thee,
ere folly hath much oppresst thee
Farre from acquitance kest thee
where cuntrie may digest thee,
Let wood and water request thee
In good corne soyle to nest thee,
where pasture and meade may brest thee,
And helthsome aire inuest thee.
Though enuie shall detest thee,
Let that no whit molest thee,
Thanke God that so hath blest thee.
And sit downe Robin and rest the.

¶ Septembers abstract. Cap. 11.

September blow soft,
Till fruite be in loft.

Forgotten month past,
do now at the last.

GOod ferme now take,
Keepe still or forsake.

2 What helpes reuine,
The thriuing to thriue.

3 Plow, fence, and store,
Aught els before.

4 By titts and such,
few gayneth much.

5 Horse strong and light,
soone charges quight.

Light bed and purse,
what lightnes worse.

6 Who goes a boꝛowing,
goes a ſoꝛowing.

Few lends but fooles,
their woꝛking tooles.

7 Foꝛ ſtable and barne,
what furniture larne.

What moꝛe doth neede,
heare mayſt thou reede.

Reade ſtill downe lower,
till twenty and fower.

25 Take chipping oꝛ ride,
lent ſtuffe to pꝛouide.

26 Let Habberden lye,
in peaſeſtraw boꝛye.

27 Lay muck out of hand,
vpon Barley land.

28 Homegaine ſpie out,
by riding about.

Marke how of yere,
what cheape, what deere,

29 Some ſkill doth well,
to buy and ſell.

Of thiefe who buyeth,
in daunger lyeth.

30 Commoditie knowne,
abꝛode is blowne.

31 At firſt hand buy,
at third let lye.

32 Haue money pꝛeſt,
to buy at the beſt.

33 Some cattel home bꝛing,
foꝛ Mighelmas ſpꝛing.

By hawke and hound,
ſmall pꝛofit is found.

34 Diſpatche looke home,
to loytering mome.

Pꝛouide oꝛ repent,
milch kow foꝛ lent.

35 Kow crone thy ſheepe,
fat thoſe ye keepe.

Leaue milking old kow,
fat aged vp now.

36 Plow burne oꝛ mowe,
great ſtubble lowe.

Eate etche er ye plow,
with hog, ſheepe and kow.

Mowne hame a patche,
get home to thatch.

37 Where Barley did growe,
ſtrike, wheat to ſowe.

Yet better I thinke,
ſowe peaſe after dꝛinke.

38 Land ſheaweth the plough,
enough is enough.

Each diuers ſoyle,
hath diuers toyle.

Septembers abſtract.

39 Know plowing land,
let plow els ſtand.

Some countreys vſe,
that ſome refuſe.

40 Few after crop much,
but nodyes and ſuch.

What croppers bee,
here looke and ſee.

Rye, Barly and Wheat
be croppers great.

Though Otes do ſucke,
yet peaſe do mucke.

41 Still cariage is good,
for tymber and wood.

No longer delayes,
to mend the high wayes.

42 Some ſeiwell fet,
learne where to ſet.

43 Inpyling of loggs,
make houell for hoggs.

44 Get home with the brake
to brew with and bake.

To coner the ſhed,
dyre ouer the hed.

To lye vnder mow,
to rot vnder Kow.

45 Greene Rye haue ſome,
ere Michelmas come.

46 Graunt ſoyle her luſt,
ſow Rye in the duſt.

Such ſeede ye ſowe,
ſuch reape or mowe.

47 See corne ſowne in,
to thick nor to thin.

For want of ſeede,
lande bringeth weede.

48 Trench redge and forough,
the water may thorough.

With ſling or bowe,
keepe corne fro Crowe.

49 Sell butter and cheeſe,
good faires few leeſe.

At fayres buy,
home want to ſupply.

50 If hops looke browne,
go gather them downe.

But not in a dearwe,
nor pidling with fearwe.

51 Of hops this knack,
put in thy pack.

Hops had thy fyll,
go coner his hyll.

52 Take hop to thy pole,
but breake not his pole.

53 Learne here thou ſtraunger,
to frame hop manger.

54 Hop pole preſerue,
agaiſt to ſerue.

Hop pole by and by,
lay ſafe vp dry.

Leaſt poles war ſcant,
lay new to plant.

55 The Hops well dryde,
will beſt abyde.

Hops dryed in loft,
aſke tendance oft.

56 Hops dryed ſmall coſt,
ill kept halfe loſt.

Hops ſoone be ſpilt,
take heede, if thou wilt.

57 Amend marly wall,
Crab holes and all.

58 Geld Bulles and Rammes,
ſeaw ponds, mend dãmes.

Sell webſter thy wull,
fruites gather, grapes pull.

For feare of drabbs,
go gather thy crabbs.

59 Pluck fruite to laſt,
when Mighel is paſt.

60 Forget it not,
fruite bruſed will rot.

Light ladder and long,
doth tree leaſt wrong.

Go gather with ſkill,
and gather that will.

61 Dine Hyne good couy,
for wer and hony.

No driuing of hyue,
till yeares paſt fyue.

62 Good dwelling giue Bee,
or hence goeth ſhee.

63 Put Boze into frye,
for Hallontide nye.

64 With Boze good Sylle,
let naught be amyſſe.

65 Karle hempe left greene,
now pluck vp cleene.

Drowne hempe as ye needs,
once had out ſeede.

I pray thee good kyt,
drowne hempe in pyt.

66 Of all the reſt,
white hemp is beſt.

Let ſkilfull be gotten,
leaſt hemp proue rotten.

67 Set Strawberies wilde,
I loue them for life.

68 Plant Reſp and Roſe,
and ſuch as thoſe.

69 Go gather vp Maſt,
er time be paſt.

Septembers abſtract.

Maſt fatts vp ſwine,
maſt, kils vp kine.

70 Let hoggs be roung,
both olde and young.

71 No maſt vpon Oke,
no lenger vnyoke.

If hogg do crye,
giue eare and eye.

72 Hoggs haunting corne,
may not be borne.

73 Good neighbour thow,
good cuſtome allowe.

No ſkaring with dog,
while maſt is for hog.

74 Keepe ſafe thy fence,
ſkare breake hedge thence.

A drab and a knaue,
will proule to haue.

75 Marke winde and moone,
at night and noone.

Some riggs the plow,
ſome milkes the kow.

Some pele ſome pitch,
ſome linnen filch.

76 Red kur or blacke,
few prowlers lacke.

77 Marke loſſe with griefe,
through prouling thiefe.

78 To ſawe pit drawe,
boord long to ſawe.

79 Let log be hayle,
leaſt profit quayle.

Such boord and pale,
is ready ſale.

80 Sawne ſlab let lye,
for ſtable and ſtye.

Sawe duſt ſpred thicke,
makes alley tricke.

Now as ye with,
go ſeuer thy filth.

When friend ſhall come,
to be ſure of ſome.

Thy ponds renew,
put Eeles in ſtew.

To liue till lent,
and then to be ſpent.

Set priuie or prim,
ſet box like him.

Set herbes ſome more,
for wynter ſtore.

Set gylliflowers all,
that growes on the wall.

Sowe ſeedes for the pot,
for flowers ſowe not.

Chap. 12.

PRouide against Mighelmas, bargaine to make,
for ferme to giue ouer, to keepe or to take.
In doing of either, let witte beare a stroke:
for buying or selling, of pig in the poke.

2 Good ferme and well stored, good housing and drye,
good corne and good dayrie, good market and nye.
Good shepard, good tylman, good Jacke & good Gill
make husband and huswife, their coffers to fill.

3 Let pasture be stored, and fenced about,
and tillage set forward, as nedeth without.
Before ye do open, your purse to begin:
with any thing doing, for fansy within.

4 No storing of pasture, with baggedgly tyt,
with ragged with aged, and euel athyt.
Let karren and barren be shifted away,
for best is the best, what soeuer ye pay.

5 Horse, Oxen, plough, tumbrel, cart, waggē, & wayne
the lighter and stronger, the greater thy gayne.
The soyle and the seede, with the sheafe and the purse
the lighter in substance, for profit the wurse.

Strong and light.

6 To borowe to day, and to morowe to misse,
for lender and borower, noyance it is.
Then haue of thine owne, without lending vnspilt:
or borow with sorow, as long as thou wilt.

Hate borowing.

¶A Dygression to his husbandly furniture.

Barne furniture.

7 Barne locked, gose ladder, short pitchfork and log
Flayle, strawfork and rake, with a fan that is strong
wing, cartnaue and bushel, peck, strike ready hand:
Broome, casting sholue, sack that is close with a band

Stable furniture.

8 A stable well planked (with key and a lock,)
walles strongly well liened to beare of a knock.
A rack and a manger, good litter and haye:
sweete chaffe and some prouender euery daye.

9 A pitch fork, a dong fork, seene skep and a bin,
A broome and a paile, to put water therein.
A handbarowe, whelebarowe, sholue and a spade:
a currey combe, mainecombe, and whip for a Jade.

10 A buttrice and pincers, a hammer and naile.
an Apern and sissers for hed and for taile.
Hole bridle and saddle, whyt lether and nall,
with collers and harneis, for thiller and all.

11 A pannell and wantey, packsaddle and ped,
a line to fetch litter, and halters for hed.
with crotchis and pinns, to hang trinkets thereon:
and stable faste chayned, that nothing be gon.

Cart furniture.

12 Strong exeltred cart, that is clowted and shod,
cart, ladder & wimble, with percer and pod.
whele ladder for haruest, light pitchfork and tough:
shaue whiplash well knotted and cart rope enough.

A coome is half a quarter

13 Ten sacks, where of euery one holdeth a coome,
A pulling hooke handsome for bushes and broome.

Light

Light Tumbzel, a dong crone, foz ealing ſir wagg:
ſholue, pickax and mattock, with bottle and bagg.

14 A Grinſtone, a whetſtone, a hatchet and bill, Huſbandzy tooles.
with hamer and Jngliſh naile, ſozted with ſkil.
A frower of yzon, foz cleauing of lath,
with roule foz a ſawpit, good huſbandzy hath.

15 A ſhozt ſaw, and long ſaw, to cut a too loggs,
an ax and a nads, to make troffe, foz thy hoggs,
A Douercourt betle, and wedges with ſteele:
ſtrong leauer to raiſe vp the block fro the whele.

16 Two plows and a plowchein. ii. culters. iii. ſhares,
with ground clots, & ſide clots, foz ſoile that ſo tares. Plonghe furniture.
with orbowes and axtokes, and other things moe:
foz oxteme and hozſeteme, in plough foz to goe.

17 A plough betle, ploughſtaff, to furder the plough,
great clod to a ſunder that bzeaketh ſo rough.
A ſled foz a plough, and another foz blocks,
foz chimney in winter, to burne vp their docks.

18 Sedge collers foz plowhozſe, foz lightnes of neck
good ſeede and good ſower, and alſo ſede peck.
Strong oxen and hozſes, wel ſhod and wel clad,
well meated and bſed, foz making thee ſad.

19 A barley rake toothed, with yzon and ſteele,
like paier of harrowes, and roler doth weele.
A ſling foz a moether, a bowe foz a boye,
a whip foz a carter, is hoigh de la roye.

Harueſt tooles.

20 A bꝛuſh ſythe, and graſſe ſyth, with rifle to ſtand,
a cradle foꝛ barley, with rubſtone and ſand.
Shaꝛpe ſikle and weeding hooke, hay foꝛke and rake,
a meake foꝛ the peaſe, and to ſwinge vp the bꝛake.

21 Rakes alſo foꝛ barley, long toothed in hed,
and greater like toothed, foꝛ barley ſo ſhed.
with ſkuttle oꝛ ſkreine, to rid ſoil fro the coꝛne,
and ſharing ſhears ready, foꝛ ſhepe to be ſhoꝛne.

22 Long ladder to hang al along by the wall,
to reache foꝛ a neede, to the top of the hal.
Beame, ſkales with the waights, that are ſealed & tru
ſharp mowl ſpare with barbs, ẏ ẏ mowles do ſo rue.

23 Hog'yokes, and a twicher, and ringes foꝛ a hog,
with taꝛ in a pot, foꝛ the byeting of dog.
A ſheepe marke, a tarre ketle, litle oꝛ mitch,
to pottles of tarre, to a pottle of pitch.

24 A foꝛke and a hoke, to be tampꝛing in clay,
a lath hamer, trowel, a hod, oꝛ a tray.
Strong fetters and ſhackles, with hoꝛſlock and pad,
ſtrong ſoles, and ſuch other thinges, meete to be had.

Here endeth husbandly furniture.

25 When harueſt is ended, take shipping oꝛ ride,
Ling, ſaltfiſh, and herring, foꝛ lent to pꝛouide.
To buy at the firſt, as it commeth to rode,
ſhal pay foꝛ thy charges, thou ſpendeſt a bꝛode.

26 Chuſe ſkilfully ſaltfiſh, not burnt at the ſtone,
buy ſuch as is good, oꝛ els let it alone.

Get

Get home that is bought, and go stack it vp drye:
with pease straw betwene it the safer to lye.

27 Er euer ye iourney, cause seruant with speede,
to compas thy barley land, where it is neede.
One acre wel compassed, passeth some three,
thy barne shal at haruest, declare it to thee.

28 This lesson is learned, by riding about,
the prises of vittell, the yere thorough out.
Both what to be selling, and what to refraine:
and what to be buying, to bring in againe.

29 Though buiyng and selling, doth wonderful well,
to such as haue skill, how to buy and to sell.
Yet chopping and changing, I cannot commend:
with knaue and his marrow, for feare of yll end.

30 The rich in his bargening, needes not be tought,
of buyer and seller, full farre is he sought.
yet herein consisteth, a part of our text:
who buyeth at first hand, at second and next.

31 At first hand he buyeth, that payeth al downe,
at second, that hath not so much in the towne.
at third hand he buyeth, that buyeth of trust:
at his hand who buyeth, shal pay for his lust.

32 At oft as ye bargaine, for better or wurse,
to buy it the cheaper, haue chinks in thy purse.
Touch kept is commended, yet credit to keepe,
is pay and dispatch him, er euer ye sleepe.

33 Be mindefull abrode, of a Michelmas shringe,
for thereon dependeth a husbandly thing,
Though some haue a pleasure with hauk vpon hand
good husbands get treasure to purchas their land.

34 Thy market dispatched, turne home again round
least gaping for peny, thou losest a pound,
Prouide for thy wife, or looke to be shent,
good milch kow for winter, another for lent.

35 In traueling homeward, buy xl. good crones,
and fat vp the bodies, of those sely bones,
Leaue milking and dry vp old mulley thy cowe,
the crooked and aged, to fatting put now.

36 Some ploweth, some burneth, the wheat stubble (lowe
some after theire barley, lay wheat for to sowe,
which euer thou mindest, now time it is best,
Or spare it for cattle, and so let it rest.

37 Some vseth the first yere a fallow to make,
the next to sowe barley, the better to take.
Next that to sowe pease, and the next to sow wheat,
then fallow againe, or to pasture for neate.

38 Two crops and a fallow, enricheth the plough,
though tone be of pease, it is land good enough,
One crop and a fallow, some soile wil abide,
where if ye saye further, lay proffet a side.

39 In Essex, and Suffolke, such land I do know,
where excellent rie is, as any can grow.

In

In fyue yere get thereof a crop and away,
if more ye do take, ye were better to play.

40 Stil crop vpon crop, many fermers do take
and reape little profite for gredines sake,
Though wheat vpon barley, a cropper is found,
no cropper is pease, but a comfort to grounde.

Carriage of fewel.

41 Er winter preuenteth, while whether is good,
for gutting of pasture, get home with thy wood:
And carry out grauel, to fill vp a hole,
both timber and furzen, the turfe and the cole.

Well placing of fewell.

42 Howle, charkole and sedge, chip & turfe of ẏ land,
pyle, talwood and billet, stack al that hath band,
Block rotes, pole and bough, set vpright to the thetch
the nerer, more handsome in winter to fetch.

43 In stacking of bauen and piling of loggs,
make vnder thy bauen a houel for hoggs,
And warmely enclose it, al sauing the mouth,
and that to stand open, and full to the south.

44 Get home with thy brakes, er an sommer be gon,
for teddered cattel to sit there vpon.
To couer thy houel, to brew and to bake
to lye in the bottom where moow ye do make.

Sowing of Rye.

45 Thresh seed & to fanning, September doth crye,
get plough to the field, and be sowing of rye,
Go harrow the redgis e r euer ye strike,
this point of good husbandry, Suffolk doth like.

49 Sowe winter corne timely, to follow his lust,
sowe wheat as ye may, and the rye in the dust.
Be careful of seede, or els such as ye sowe,
be suer at harnest, to reape or to mowe.

47 Though beanes be in sowing, but skatered in,
yet wheat, rye and pease, I loue not to thin.
Sowe barley and dredge, with a plentiful hand:
least wede stead of seede, ouergoweth thy land.

48 Seede husbandly sowen, water forow thy grould,
that raine when it commeth, may run away round.
Then stir about Nichol, with arrow and bowe,
take penye for killing, of euery Crowe.

49 At Bartilmewtide, or at Sturbredge faire,
buy that as is needeful, thy howse to repaire.
Then sel to thy profit, both butter and cheese,
who buyeth it sooner, the more he shall leese.

Hops gathering.

50 If hops do looke brownish, then are ye to slowe,
if longer ye suffer, those hops for to growe.
Now, sooner ye gather, more profite is found,
if weather be faier, and beaw of ꝑ ground.

51 Not breake of, but cut of, from hop the hop string,
leaue growing a little, againe for to spring.
whos hil about pared, and therewith new clad,
shal nurrish more sets, against March to be had.

52 Hop hillock discharged, of euery let,
see then without breaking, eche pole ye out get.

which

which being vntangled, aboue in the tops:
go carry to such, as are plucking of hops.

53 Take soutage or hayer (that couers the kel)
set like to a manger, and fastoned well.
with pole vpon crotchis, as high as thy brest:
for sauing of riddance, is husbandry best.

Hop manger

54 Hops had, the hop poles, that are likely prezerue,
from rotting and breaking, againe for to serue.
And plant ye with alders, or willows some plot,
where yerely as needeth, mo poles may be got.

Saue wel hop poles.

55 Some skilfully dryeth, their hops on a kell,
and some on a soller, oft turning them well.
Kell dride will abide, foule wheather or faire,
where drying and lying, in loft do dispaire.

Drying of hop.

56 Some close them vp drye, in a hogshed or fatt,
yet canuas or sowtage, is better then that.
By drying and lying, they quickly be spilt,
thus much haue I shewed, do now as thou wilt.

Keeping of hops.

57 Saint Michael doth bid thee, amend ỳ marsh wal
the brecke and the crab hole, the forland and al.
one noble in season, bestowed thereon,
may saue thee a hundred, er winter be gon.

Amend marsh walles.

58 Now geld with the gelder, the ram and the bull,
sew ponds, amend dammes, and sell webster thy wull
Out fruit, go and gather, but not in the deaw,
with crab and the wal nut, for feare of a shreaw.

59 The

Fi
ring

9 The Moone in the wane, gather fruit for to last,
but winter fruit gather, when Mighel is past,
Though michers that loue not to buy nor to craue
make some gather sooner, els few for to haue.

60 Fruit gatherd to timely, will tast of the wood,
wil shrink and be bitter, and seldome proue good,
So fruit that is shaken, or beat of a tree:
with bruising in falling, soone fauty wil bee.

Drying of hyues

61 Now burne vp the Bees, that ye mind for to driue
at midsomer dryue them, and saue them aliue.
Place hyue in good ayer, set southly and warme:
and take in due season, wax, honey and swarme.

62 Set hiue on a plank, (not to low by the ground)
where herbe with the flowers, may compas it round,
And boordes to defend it, from north and north east:
from showers and rubbish, from vermin and beast.

Stye vp the boze

63 At Mihelmas safely, goe stie vp thy boze,
least straying abrode, ye do see him no more.
The sooner the better for Hallontide nye:
and better he brawneth, if hard he do lye.

64 Shift boze (for il ayre) as best ye do thinck,
and twise a day gyue him fresh bittle and drink,
and diligent cyllea, my dayry good wench:
make clenly his cabben, for mealling and stench.

Gathering of winter hempe.

65 Now pluck vp the hempe, and go beat out the seed
and afterwarde water it, as ye see neede.

But

But not in the riuer, where cattle should drink,
for poisoning them, and the people with stink.

66 Hemp huswifely vsed, lokes clerely and bright,
and selleth it selfe by the colour so whight.
Some vseth to water it, some do it not,
be skilfull in doing, for feare it do rot.

67 Wife in to thy garden, and fet me a plot, Setting of strawberies & Roses &c.
with strawbery rootes of the best to be got,
such growing abrode among thornes in the wood
wel chosen and pycked proue excellent good.

68 The Barbery, Respis and goosebery too,
looke now to be planted as others things doo.
The gose bery, respis and Roses all three:
with strawberies vnder them, trimly agree.

69 To gather som mast, it shall stand thee vpon, Gathering of Mast.
with seruant and children, er mast be all gon.
Some left among bushes, shall pleasure thy swyne:
for feare of a mischiefe, keepe corners for kyne.

70 For rooting of pasture ring hog ye had need,
which being well ringled, the better do feed.
Though yong with their elders will lightly kepe best
yet spare not to ringle, both great and the rest.

71 Yoke neuer thy swyne, while the shacktime doth last
for diuers misfortunes, that happen to fast,
Or if ye do fansy, whole eare of the hog:
gyue eye to ill neighbour and eare to his dog.

72 Keepe hog I aduise the from medow and cozne,
foz out aloud crying, that ere he was bozne.
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if dog set him chaunting, he doth thee no wzong.

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whiles shacktime endureth, men vse not to yoke.
Yet surely ringling, is needfull and good.
till frost do enuite them, to bzakes in the wood.

74 Kepe safely and warely, thine vttermost fence,
with ope gap and bzeake hedge, do seldome dispence.
Such runabout pzoulers, by night and by daye,
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79 Such walk with a black, oz a red little cur,
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then skwattith the master, oz trudgeth away,
and after dog runneth, as fast as he may.

77 Some pzouleth foz fewell, and some away rig,
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Octobers abstract.

Chap. 13.

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2 To late doth kill.
to soone is as ill.

3 Maides little and great,
pick clene seede wheat.

Good ground doth craue,
choyce seede to haue.

Flayles lustily twack
least plough seede lack.

4 Plie sowing a pace,
in euery place.

5 Soyle perfitely knowe,
ere eddish ye sowe.

Seede first go fetch,
for eddish or etch.

Whight wheat if ye please,
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7 Sowe Hastinges now,
if ground it allow.

Wheat chaffe lay vp dry,
in safely to lye.

8 Learne soone to get,
a good quick set.

Make handsome a bin,
for chaffe to lye in.

9 For feare of the wurst,
Make fat away sarst.

Seede threshe thou shalt,
threshe Barley for malt

10 Fat that no more,
ye keepe for store.

Cut bushes to hedge.
fence meadow and redge.

11 Hyde karen in graue,
lesse noyance to haue.

Stamp crabs that may,
for rotting away.

12 Hog measeled kill,
for fleming that will.

Make vergis and perye,
sowe kirnell and berye.

Sys, haue an eye,
to Woze in the frye.

Now gather vp fruite,
of euery suite.

13 Keepe sloes vpon bow,
for flix of thy kow.

Earth wall, to slight,
strength now or god night,

14 With pease bolt and brake,
some brew and bake.

Where soyle is of sand,
quick set out of hand.

15 Olde graine worth goold,
so kept as it should.

To plots not full,
ad bramble and hull.

By malt ill kept,
small profit is rept.

For set no bar,
while month hath an R.

Friend ringle thy hog,
for feare of a dog.

Like note thou shalt,
for making of malt.

Rye straw vp stack,
least thatcher lack.

Brew now to last,
till winter be past,

Wheat straw drye saue,
for cattle to haue,

Chap. 14.

NOw lay vp thy barley land, dryè as ye can,
when euer ye sowe it, so looke for it than.
Get alway aforehand, be neuer behinde:
least winter preuenting, do alter thy minde.

2 Who layeth vp fallo, to soone or to wet,
with noyance many, doth barley beset.
For weed and the water, so soeketh and sucks,
that goodnes from eyther, it vtterly plucks.

3 Greene rye in September, when timely thou hast, Sowing of wheat.
October for wheat sowing, calleth as fast,
If weather will suffer, this councell I geue:
leaue sowing of wheat, before Hallomas eue.

4 Where wheat vpon edish, ye mind to bestowe
let that be the first, of the wheat ye do sowe
He seemeth to hart it, and comfort to bring:
that gyueth it comfort, of Michelmas spring.

5 Wight wheat vpon pease etch, is willing to growe
though best vpon fallow, as many do knowe
But where, how or when ye entend to begin:
let euer the finest, be first sowen in.

6 Sowe Acornes ye owners that timber do loue, Sowing of Acorns
sowe haw and rye with them, the better to proue.
If cattle or Cunney, may enter to crop:
yong oke is in daunger, of loosing his top.

Sowing of Hastinges or fullams

7 Who peascods delighteth, to haue with the furst,
if now he do sowe them, I think it not wurst,
the greener thy peason and warmer the room:
more lusty the layer, more plenty they coom.

8 Go plow vp or delue vp, aduised with skill.
the bredth of a redge, and in length as ye will.
where spedy quickset, for a fence ye will drawe:
to sowe in the seede, of the bremble and hawe.

9 Through plenty of acornes, the porkling too fat,
not taken in season may perish by that.
If ratling or swelling, get once to the throte,
thou loesist thy porckling, a crowne to a grote.

10 What euer thing fat is againe if it fall,
thou ventrest the thing, and the fatnes withall.
The fatter the better to sell or to kill,
but not to continue, make profe if ye will.

11 What euer thing dyeth, go bury or burne.
for tainting of ground, or a worser it turne.
such pestilent smell, of a karrenly thing:
to cattle and people, great perill may bring.

12 Thy measeled bacon hog, sow, or thy boze,
shet vp for to heale, for infecting thy stoze.
Or kill it for bacon, or sowce it to sell,
for Flemming that loues it so deintely well.

A medcen for the sow flix

13 Seith water, and plump therin plenty of sloes,
mix chawlk that is dryed, in powder with thoes.

which

which so, if ye gyue, with the water and chalke:
thou makest the lax, fro thy kow away walke.

14 With strawisp, and pease bolt, with ferne & the brake
for sparing of fewel, some brew and do bake.
and heateth their copper, for seething of graines,
good seruant rewarded, refuseth no paines.

Good breadcorn and drinkcorne full. xx. weeks kept,
is better then new, that at harnest is rept.
But foisty the breadcorn and bowd eaten malt,
for health or for profit, find noysom thou shalt.

Nouembers adstract.

Chap. 15.

Nouember take flayle,
Let ship no more sayle.

1 Let hog once fat,
lose nothing of that.

When mast is gon,
hog falleth anon

Still fat vp some,
till shrouetide come.

Now pork and sowse,
bares tack in howse.

2 Lay flitches a salting,
put barley to malting.

Through folly too beastly,
much baken is reasty.

3 In casting prouide,
for seede lay aside.

Forgotten month past,
do now at the last.

Let husbandly man,
make clenas he can.

4 Thresh barley thou shalt,
for chapman to malt.

Else thresh no more,
but for thy store.

5 No chaffe in binne,
makes horse looke thinne.

6 Make Martilmas biefe,
dere meate is a thiefe.

7 Set garlike and pease,
Saint Edmond to please.

8 When

Nouembers abstract.

8 When raine takes place,
to threshing a pace.

9 Mad braine to rough,
Marres all at plough.

With flaile and whips,
fat hen short ships.

10 Some threshing by taske,
will steale and not aske.

Suche thresher at night,
walkes seldome home light.

Some come away lag,
in bottle and bag.

Some steale for a tell,
eggs out of the nest.

11 Lay couer vp dore,
in order to lye.

Poore robbing crane,
fresh strawe to haue.

12 Make weekly vp flower,
though thresher do lower.

Lay grayne in loft,
and turne it oft.

13 For much regard,
make cleue foule yard.

Lay straw to rot,
in watry plot.

14 Hedlong vp plow,
for compas enow.

15 For herbes good store,
trenche garden more.

16 At midnight frye,
foule priue to fye.

17 Rid chimney of soot,
from top to the foot.

18 In stable put now,
thy horses for plow.

19 Good horsekeeper will,
lay muck vpon hill.

Get pole boye mine,
beate hawes to the swine.

Driue hogs to the wood,
brake rootes be good.

For mischief that falles,
looke well to marsh walles.

Drye layer get neat,
and plenty of meat.

Burst cattell that nurseth,
poore wenell soone burseth.

Good neighbour mine,
ring well thy swine.

Such winter may serue,
hog ringd will serue.

In frost keepe dog,
from hunting of hog.

Cap. 16.

A Thallontide, slaughter time entreth in.
And then doth the husband mans, feasting begin.
From thence vnto shroftide, kyl now & than some
their offal for houshold, the better will come.

2 Thy dredg and thy barley, go thresh out to malt,
bet malster be cunning, else lose it thou shalt.
The encrease of a seame, is a bushel for store,
bad else is the barley, or huswife much more.

3 Some vseth to winnew, some vseth to fan,
some vseth to cast it as cleane as they can,
for seede go and cast it, for malting not so:
but get out the cockle, and then let it go.

4 Thresh barely as yet, but as neede shal require,
fresh threshed for strouer, thy cattle desire.
And therefore that threshing, forbare as ye may:
til candelmas coming, for sparing of hay.

5 Such wheat as ye kepe for the bakers to buye,
vnthreshed till March, in the sheafe let it lye.
Least foistenes take it, if sooner ye thresh it,
although by oft turning, ye seeme to refresh it.

5 Saue chaff of the barely, of wheat and of rye,
from feathers and foistenes, where it doth lye.
Which mixed with corne, being sifted of dust:
go giue to thy cattle, when serue them ye must.

6 (For Easter) at Martilmas, hang vp a beife,
for stal fed and pease fed, play pickpurse the thiefe.

with that and the like, er an graſſe beſe come in,
thy folke ſhal looke cherely, when others looke thin.

8 Set garlike & beanes, at S. Edmond the king,
the moone in the wane, thereon hangeth a thing,
The encreaſe of a pottle (wel proued of ſome)
ſhal pleaſure thy houſhold, er peſkod time come.

9 When raine is a let, to thy doings abrode,
ſet threſhers a threſſing, to lay on good lode.
Threſh cleane, ye muſt bid them, though leſſer they yarne
and loking to thriue, haue an eye to thy barne.

10 Take heede to thy man, in his fury and heate,
with ploughſtaffe & whipſtock, for mayming thy neat
To threſher for hurting, of kow with his flayle:
or making thy hen, to play tapple vp taile,

11 Some pilfering threſher, wil walke with a ſtaffe,
wil carry home corne, as it is in the chaffe.
And ſome in his bottle of leather ſo great:
will carry home daily, both barley and wheat.

12 If houſerome wil ſerue thee, lay ſtouer vp drye,
and euery ſort, by it ſelfe for to lye.
Or ſtacke it for litter, if roome be to poore:
and thatch out the reſidue, noying thy doore.

13 Cauſe weekely thy threſher, to make vp his flower
though ſlouthfull and pilferer, there at do lower.
Take tub for a ſeaſon, take ſacke for a ſhift:
yet garnar for graine, is better for thrift.

14 All maner of ſtrawe, that is ſcattred in yard,

good

good husbandly husbands, haue dayly regard.
In pit ful of water, the same to bestowe:
where lying to rot, thereof profit may growe.

15 Now plough vp thy hedlonde, or delue it w̄ spade
where otherwise profit, but little is made.
And cast it vp high, vppon hillocks to stand:
that winter may rot it, to compasse thy land.

16 If Garden require it, now trench it ye may,
one trench not a yard, from another go lay.
which being wel filled, with mucke by & by:
go couer with mould, for a season to ly.

17 Foule priuies are now, to be clensed & tyde.
let night be appointed, such baggage to hide.
which buryd in garden, in trenches a lowe,
shal make very many thinges, better to growe.

18 The chimney al sooty, would now be made clene.
for feare of mischances, to oftentimes seene.
Old chimney & sooty, if fyer once take:
by burning and breaking, soone mischife may make,

19 When plowing is ended, and pasture not great,
then stable thy horses, and tend them with meat.
Let season be drye, when ye take them to house:
for danger of nitts, or for feare of a louse.

20 Lay compasse vp handsomly, round on a hill,
to walke in thy yard, at thy pleasure and wil.
More compas it maketh, & handsome the plot:
if horsekeper dayly, forgetteth it not.

Decembers abſtract.

Chap. 17.

O dirtie December,
For Chriſtmas remember.

Forgotten month paſt,
do now at the laſt.

1 No ſeaſon to hedge,
get betle and wedge.

Cleaue logs now all,
For kitchen and hall.

2 Dull worKing tooles,
ſoone courage cooles.

3 Leaue of title tattle,
and loke to thy cattle.

Serue yong pooze elues
alone by themſelues.

4 Warme barth to neate,
worth halfe their meat.

The elder that nurteth.
the yonger ſoone hurteth.

5 Houſe-kow that is olde,
while winter dothe hold,

6 Put once in a daye
to drinke and to playe.

7 Get truſty to ſerue,
leaſt cattle do ſterue,

And ſuch as in deede,
may helpe at a neede,

8 Obſerue this lawe,
to ſerue out ſtrawe.

9 In walking about,
good forK ſpie out.

10 At full and at change,
ſpring tides are ſtrange.

If dout ye fray,
driue cattle away.

11 Dank ling forgot,
will quickly rot.

12 Here learne and trye,
to turne it and dreye.

13 Now ſtocks remoue,
that orchards loue.

14 Set ſtock to growe,
to thick nor to lowe.

Set now as they come,
both chearrey and plome

15 Wind North north eaſt,
bids ſtock to ill feaſt.

16 At Chriſtmas is good,
to let thy horſe blood.

17 Marke here what rable,
of euils in ſtable.

18 Wire well (olde gaffe)
horſe corne with chaffe.

Let

Let Jacke nor Gill
ſetch corne at wil.

Who ſeſeth her graines
hath profite for paines.

19 Hide ſtrawberies wife
to ſaue their life.

Set willow and ſallow,
rid garden of mallow.

20 Knot, border and all
Now couer ye ſhall.

Let bore like render,
ſee brawne ſod tender.

21 Helpe bees ſweete conney
with lickour and honney.

For wife fruit buye
for Chriſtmas pye.

Let Chriſtmas ſpy
yard cleane to ly.

Ill bread and il drinke,
makes many il thinke.

No labour no ſweat,
go labour for heat.

Both meat and coſt,
ſil dreſſed is loſt.

Feede Doues, but kill not
if ſtroy them ye wil not.

Who hath where withal,
may cheere when he ſhal.

Fat hog, er ye kill it,
or els ye do ſpill it.

But charged man
muſt cheere as he can:

Put Ore in ſtall,
er Ore do fall.

Decembers huſbandry.

Chap. 18.

1 When froſt wil not ſuffer, to dike and to hedge,
then get thee a heat, with thy beetle and wedge.
Once hallomas come, and a fire in hall,
ſuch ſlyuers do wel, for to lye by the wall.

2 Get grindstone and whetstone, for toole that is dull,
or often be letted and fret belly full.
A whelebarow also, be suer to haue.
at hand of thy seruant, thy compas to saue.

Seruing of cattle.

3 Giue cattle theire foder, in plot dry and warme,
and count them for myring, or other like harme.
Yong coltes with thy wennels, together go serue:
least lurched by others, they happen to sterue,

4 The rack is commended, for sauing of dong,
so set as the old cannot mischiefe the yong.
In tempest (the wind being northly or east)
warme barth vnder hedge, is a sucker to beast.

Housing of cattle.

5 The housing of cattle, while winter doth holde,
is good for al such, as are feeble and olde.
It saueth much compas, and many a sleepe:
and trimly refresheth the walke of the sheepe.

6 For charges so little, much quiet is wonne,
if strongly and handsomely, al thing be donne.
But vse to vntakle them, once in a day:
to rub and to lick them, to drinke, and to play.

7 Get trusty to tend them, not lubberly squire,
that al the day long, hath his nose at the fier.
Nor trust vnto children, poore cattle to feede:
but such as be able, to help at a neede.

8 Serue rye straw out first, thē wheat straw & pease
then Otestraw and barley, then hay if ye please.

But

But serue them with hay, while the straw stouer last:
then loue they no straw, they had rather to fast,

9 Pokes forkes and such other, let bayly spie out,
and gather the same as he walketh about.
and after at leysure, let this be his hier,
to beath them and trim them, at home by the fier.

10 As well at the full of the moone as the chaunge,
sea rages in winter be suddenly straunge.
then looke to thy marshes, if doubt be to fray:
for feare of (ne forte) haue cattle away.

11 Both saltfish and lingfish (if any ye haue,)
through shifting and drying, from rotting go saue,
Lest winter with moistnes, do make it relent:
and put it in hazard, er ere it be spent.

12 Broome fagot is best. to idle haberden on,
lay boord vppon ladder, if fagots be gon.
For breaking (in turning) haue very good eye.
and blame not the wind, so the weather be drye.

13 Good fruit and good plentie, doth well in thy loft,
then make thee an orchard, and cherish it oft.
For plant or for stock, lay aforehand to cast:
but set or remoue it, er Christmas be past.

14 set one fro other, full forty foote wide,
to stand as he stode, is a parte of his pride.
More faier, more worthy, of cost to remoue,
more steady ye set it, more likely to proue.

15 To teach and vnteach, in a schole is vnmeete,
to do and vndo, to the purse is vnsweete.
Then orchard or hoppyard, so trimmed with cost,
should not through follye, be spoiled and lost.

Letting horse blood

16 Er Christmas be passed, let horse be let blood,
for many a purpose, it doth them much good.
The day of S. Stephan, old fathers did vse:
if that do mislike thee some other day chuse.

17 Looke wel to thy horses, in stable thou must,
that hay be not foistye, nor chaffe full of dust.
Nor stone in their prouender, fether nor clots:
nor fede with grene peason, for breeding of bots.

18 Some horsekeper, lasheth out prouender so,
some Gyllian spendal, so often doth go,
For hogs meat and hens meate, for that and for this:
that corne loft is empted, er chapman hath his.

19 If frost do continue, take this for a lawe:
the strawberies looke, to be couered with strawe,
layd ouerly trim, vpon crotchis and boowes,
and after vncouered, as wether aloowes.

20 The gilleflower also, the skilful do knowe.
do looke to be couered, in frost and in snowe.
The knot and the border, and rosemary gay,
do craue the like succour, for dieyng away.

How to preserue bees.

21 Go looke to thy Bees, if the hiue be to light,
seeth water and honey, with rosemary dight.

which

Which set in a dish, full of sticks in the hyue:
from famen and daunger ye saue them alyue.

A digression to hospitalitie.

Chap. 19.

Leaue husbandrie sleeping,
a while ye must do:
to learne of housekeeping,
a lesson or two.
What euer is sent thee
by trauell and paine:
a time there is lent thee
to rendrit a gaine.
Although ye defend it
vnspent for to bee:
another shal spend it
no thanke vnto thee.
How euer we clime
to accomplish the minde:
we haue but a time
thereof profit to finde.

A discription of time and the yeare, Chap. 20.

Of god to thy doings, a time there is sent,
which endeth with time. that in doing is spent.
For time is it selfe, but a time for a time:
forgotten full soone, as the tune of a chime.

Spring. In ſpring time we reare, we do ſowe and we plant,
Sommer. in Sommer get vittels, leaſt after we want.
Harueſt. In harueſt, we cary in cozne and the fruite:
Winter. in winter, to ſpend, as we neede of eche ſuite.

Childhode The yeare I compare as I finde foz a trueth,
Youth. the ſpring. vnto childhode, the Sommer to youth.
Manhode. The harueſt to manhode, the winter to age:
Age. al quickly fozgot, as a Play on a ſtage.

Time paſt is fozgotten ere men be aware,
time pzeſent is thought on, with wonderfull care.
Time comming is feared, and therfoze we ſaue:
yet oft ere it come, we be gone to the graue.

A diſcription of life and riches.

Chap. 21.

VVHo liuing, but dayly diſcerne it he may,
how life as a ſhadow, doth vaniſh away.
And nothing to count on, ſo ſuer and iuſt:
as ſuer of death, and to turne into duſt.

The landes and the riches, that heare we poſſeſſe,
be none of our owne, if a God we pzofeſſe.
But lent vs of him, as his talent of golde:
which being demaunded, who can it withhold.

Deathe God maketh no wziting, that iuſtly doth ſay,
how long we ſhall haue it, a yere oz a day.
But leaue it we muſt (howſoeuer we leeue:)
when Atrop ſhall pluck vs from hence by the ſleeue.

To death we must stoupe, be we high, be we lowe,
but how, and how sodeinly, fewe be that knowe.
What cary we then, but a sheete to the graue:
to couer this carkas of all that we haue,

A discription of housekeeping.

Chap. 22.

VVHat then of this talent, while here we remaine,
but study to yelde it, to god with a gaine.
And that shall we do, if we do it not hyd
but vse and bestowe it, as Christ doth vs byd.

What good to get ryches, by breakieg of sleepe;
but (hauing the same) a good house for to keepe.
Not only to bring a good fame to thy dooze:
but also the prayer to winne of the pooze.

Of all other doings, house keping is chiefe,
for dayly it helpeth the pooze with reliefe.
The neighboz the straunger, and all that haue neede
which causeth thy doings, the better to speede.

Though hearken to this, we should euer among,
yet chiefly at Christmas of all the yere long.
Good cause of that vse, may appere by the name,
though niggerdly niggards, do kicke at the same.

A description of Christmas.

Chap. 23.

OF Christ commeth Christmas, the name wthe feast,
a time full of ioy, to the greatest and least,

A discription of Christmas.

At Christmas was Christ (our saviour) borne,
the world through sinne, altogether forlorne.

At Christmas the day, doth begin to take length,
of Christ our faith, doth begin to take strength.
As Christmas is onely, a figure or trope:
so onely in Christ, is the strength of our hope.

At Christmas we banket, the riche with the poore,
who then (but the miser) but openeth his doore.
At Christmas of Christ, meany Carols we sing:
and giue many gifts, in the ioy of that king.

At Christmas in Christ, we reioyce and be glad
as onely of whom, our comfort is had.
At Christmas we ioy altogether with mirth:
for his sake that ioyed vs all, with his birth.

A discription of apt time to spend.

Chap. 24.

LEt such (so fantastical) liking not this,
nor any thing honest, that auncient is.
Giue place to the time, that so meete we do see
appointed of God, as it seemeth to bee.

At Christmas, good husbands haue corne on ỹ ground
in barne and in soller worth many a pound.
Things plentie in house, (beside cattell and sheepe)
all sent them (no doubt on) good houses to keepe,

At Christmas the hardnes of winter doth rage,
a grieper of al things, and specially age.

Then

Then lightly poore people, the yong with the olde,
be sorest oppressed, with hunger and colde.

At Christmas, by labour is little to get,
that wanting the porest in daunger are set.
What season then better, of all the whole yere:
thy needy poore neighbour, to comfort and chere.

Against fantasticall scrupulenesse. Cha. 25.

AT this thing & that thing, som make a great matter
some help not but hinder the poore with ther clatter
Take custome from feasting what commeth then last,
where one hath a dinner, a hundred shall fast.

To dog in the maunger, some liken I could,
that hay will eate none, nor let other that would:
Some scarce in a yeare, giue a dinner or two,
nor well can abide, any other to do.

Play thou the good fellow, seeke none to misdeeme,
disdaine not the honest, though mery they seeme.
For often time seene, no more very a knaue:
than he that doth counterfait, most to be graue,

Christmas husbandly fare. Chap. 26.

GOod husband and huswife, now chiefly be glad,
things handsome to haue, as they ought to be had.
They both do prouide against Christmas do com,
to welcome their neighbor, good chere to haue som.

Chriſtmas countrey fare

Good bread and good drinke, a good fier in the hall
brawne pudding and ſouſe, and good muſtard withall

Bieke, mutton and porke, ſhred pies of the beſt,
pig, veale, gooſe and capon, and Turkey well dreſt:
Cheſe apples and nuttes, ioly Caroles to here,
as then, in the countrey, is counted good chere.

What coſt to good huſband, is any of this.
good houſhold prouiſion, onely it is.
Of other the like, I do leaue out a meny.
that coſteth the huſbandman, neuer a peny.

A Chriſtmas Carole of the birth of Chriſt,
vppon the tune of Kyng Salomon,
Chap. 27.

WAs not Chriſt our Sauiour,
ſent vnto vs fro God aboue,
not for our good behauiour:
but onely of his mercy and loue.
If this be treue, as treue it is,
truely in deede:
great thankes to god to yeld for this
then had we neede

2 This did our God for very troth
to traine to him, the ſoule of man,
and iuſtly to perfourme his oth:
to Sara and to Abraham than,
that through his ſede, al nations ſhould,
moſt bleſſed bee.
Is in due time, perfourmde he woulde,
all fleſh ſhould, ſee

3 Which woundrously is brought to passe
and in our sight al redy donne.
By sending, as his promise was
(to comfort vs) his onely sonne,
euen Christ (I meane) that virgins childe,
in Bethelem borne:
that lambe of God, that Prophet milde,
with crowned thorne.

4 Such was his loue to saue vs all,
from daungers of the curse of God,
that we stoode in by Adams fall,
and by our owne deserued rod.
that through his blood and holy name,
to such as beleeues:
And flye from sinne, and abors the same,
free mercy he geues.

5 For thease glad news, this feast doth bring
to God the Sonne and holy ghost
let man giue thankes reioyce and sing,
from world to world, from coste to coste,
For all other gifts so many wayes,
that God doth send:
Let vs in christ giue God the praise,
while life shall end.

T. Tusser.

At Christmas be mery, and thankefull withall,
and feast thy poore neighbors, the great with the small
yea all the yeare long, to the poore let vs giue:
Gods blessing to follow vs, whiles we do liue.

Chap. 28.

Ianuaries adſtract.

Chap. 28.

A kindly good Ianuere,
Freeſeth pot by the feere.

Forgotten month paſt,
do now at the laſt.

1 Bid Chriſtmas adew,
thy ſtock renew.

2 Who killeth a neate,
hath cheaper his meate.

Fat, home fed ſowce,
is good in a howſe.

3 Who daintie's loue,
a begger ſhall proue.

Who all alwaye ſells,
in hunger dwells.

4 Who nothing ſaue,
ſhall nothing haue.

5 Lay durt vpon heapes,
ſome profit it reapes.

When weather is hard,
get muck out a yard.

A fallow beſtowe,
where peaſe ſhall growe.

6 Go gather quickſet,
the yongeſt go get.

Dig garden, ſtroy mallow,
ſet willow and fallow.

Greene ſet a ſtake,
in banke they will take.

7 Let Doe go to buck,
with Conney good luck.

Spare labor nor money,
ſtore borough with Cunney.

Get warriner bound,
to vermine thy ground.

Feede Doues, but kill not,
if loſe them, ye will not.

Doue houſe repaire,
make Doue hole faire.

For hop ground colde,
Doue dong worth golde.

8 Good gardiner mine,
make garden fine.

Set garden peaſe,
and beanes if ye pleaſe.

Set Reſpis and Roſe,
yong rootes of thoſe.

9 The timely buyer,
hath cheaper his fier.

10 Some barnes without wit,
ſome fierles ſit.

11 Now ſeaſon is good,
to lop or fell wood.

Prune

Prune tree some alowes,
for cattle to browes.

12 Geue sheepe to their trees,
the mystie of trees.

13 Let lop be shorne,
that hindereth corne.

Saue edder and stake,
strong hedge to make.

14 For sap as ye knowe,
let one bough growe.

Nert yere ye may,
that bough cut away.

15 A lesson good,
to encrease more wood.

How euer ye skotch,
saue pole and crotch.

17 From Christmas to May,
weake cattle decay.

18 With bergis aquainte,
poore bullock so fainte.

This medcine approued,
is for to be loued.

19 Let plaister lye,
three daies to drye,

To long if ye stay,
taile rots away.

20 Calues ready to yeane,
cranes ground ris cleane.

21 Keepe bushes from hill,
till hedge ye wil.

22 No bushes of mine,
if fensse be thine.

23 In stubbed plot,
fil hole with clot.

Take for thy turne,
their roots go burne.

24 Rid grasse of bones,
of stickes and stones.

25 Warme barth, giue lammes
good fode to their dammes.

Loooke daily wel to them,
least doggs vndo them.

26 Yong lamb wel solde,
fat lamb, worth golde.

27 Keepe twinnes for breede,
as ewes haue feede.

28 One calfe if it please ye,
now reared shal ease ye.

Calues likely rere,
at rieling of yere.

Calfe large and leane,
is best to weane.

29 Calfe lickt take away,
and house if ye may.

This point I alow,
for seruant and kow.

30 Calues yonger then other,
learne one of another.

31 No danger at all,
to geld as they fall.

yet Michel cryes,
please butchers eyes.

32 Sow ready to fare,
craues huswifes care.

33 Leaue sow but fiue,
the better to thriue.

34 Weane such for store,
as sucks before.

Weane onely but three,
large breeders to bee.

35 Lamb, bulchin, and pig,
geld vnder the big.

36 Learne wit sir dolt,
in gelding of colt.

37 Geld yong thy fylly,
else perish will ginny.

Let gelding alone,
of large of bone.

By brethely titts,
feaw profits hitts.

38 Breede euer the best,
and do of the rest.

Of long and large,
take huswife a charge.

39 Good milch kow and sound,
yeldes yerely a pound.

Good faring sow,
holds profit with kow.

40 Who kepes both twaine,
the more may gaine.

41 Thy garden twyfallow,
stroy hemlock and mallow.

42 Like practise they proue,
that hops do loue.

43 Now make and wynd in,
trime bower to stand in.

Leaue wadling about,
til arbor be out.

44 Who now sowes otes,
gets gold and grotes.

Who sowes in May,
gets little that way.

45 Go break vp land,
get mattocke in hand.

Stub roote so tough,
for breaking of plough.

46 What greater crime,
then losse of time.

47 Smal profit is found,
by peeling of ground.

48 Land past the best,
cast vp to rest.

Get

¶Get pulling hooke (firs)
for bzome and firs.

Pluck bzome, bzome ſtill,
Cut bzome, bzome kill.

Bzome pluckt by and bye,
bzeake vp for rye.

Friend ringle thy hog,
or looke for a dog.

In caſting pzouide,
for ſeede lay aſide.

Get dong friend mine,
for ſtock and vine.

If earth be not ſoft,
go dig it aloft.

For quamier get bootes,
ſtub alders and rootes.

Hop poles war ſkant,
for peles me plant.

Set cheſtnut and walnut,
ſet filberd and ſmall nut.

Peach, plumtree and chery,
yong bay and his bery.

Or ſet there ſtone,
vnſet leaue out ſtone.

Sowe kirnels to beare,
of apple and peare.

All trees that beare gome,
Set now as they come.

And ſet or remoue,
what fruite ye loue.

¶*Of trees and fruites to be ſet or remoued.*

1 Apple trees of all ſortes.
2 Apricockes
3 Barberies
4 Boolleſe black and white
5 Cherries, red and black
6 Cheſtnuts
7 Cornet plums
8 Damiſens white and black
9 Filberds, red and white
10 Gooſe beries
11 Grapes whit and red
12 Greene or gras plums
13 Hurtilberies
14 Medlers or marles
15 Mulbery
16 Peaches white and red
17 Peares of all ſortes
18 Peareplums black & yelow
19 Quince trees
20 Reſpis
21 Reiſons
22 Small nuts
23 Strawberies red and white
24 Seruice trees
25 Wall nuts
26 Wardens, white and red
27 Wheat plums

Now ſe:ye may,
the boy and bay.
haythorne and prim,
for clothes trim.

Ianuaries husbandry.

Chap. 29.

When Christmas is ended, bid feasting adue,
go play the good husband, thy stocke to renewe,
be mindfull of rearing, in hope of againe:
dame profite shal gyue thee reward for thy paine.

2 Who, both by his calfe and his lamb wil be knowne
may wel kil a neate, and a sheepe of his owne.
and he that wil reare vp, a pig in his howse:
hath cheaper his baken, and sweeter his sowse.

3 who eateth his veale, pig and lamb being frothy,
shal twise in a weeke go to bed with out brothy.
Unskilfull that pas not, but sel away sell:
shal neuer haue plenty where euer they dwell.

4 Be gredy in spending, and careles to saue.
and shortly be nedy, and ready to craue.
be wilful to kil, and vnskilfull to store,
and looke not for foryen I tell thee before.

5 Lay dyrt vpon heapes, fayer yard to be seene,
if frost wil abyde it, to field with it cleene.
In winter a fallow, some loue to bestowe,
where pease for the pot, they entend for to sowe.

6 In making or mending, as needeth thy ditch,
get set to quick set it, learne cunningly which.
In hedging (where clay is) get stake as ye knowe,
of popeler and willow, for fewel to growe.

7 Leaue

7 Leaue killing of Cunney, let doe go to buck,
and vermine thy burrow, for feare of ill luck.
Fede Doue (no more killing) old doue house repaire,
saue doue dong for hoppard, when house ye make (faire

8 Dig garden, stroy mallow, now may ye at ease,
and set (as a dainty) thy runcifal pease.
Go cut and set roses, chuse aptly the plot,
the rotes of the yongest, are best to be got.

9 In time go and bargaine, least worser do fall, Timely pro-
for fewel, for making, for cariage and all, uision.
to buy at the stub, is the best for the buyer:
more timely prouision, cheaper the fier.

10 Some burneth a lode at a time in his hall,
some neuer leaue burning, tel burnt they haue all.
Some making of hauock, with out any wit:
make many poore soules, without fier to sit.

11 If frost do continue, this lesson doth well, Pruning of
for comfort of cattle, the fewel to fell. trees.
From euery tree, the superfluous boowes,
now prune for thy neate, therupon to go broowes.

12 In pruning and trimming, all maner of trees,
reserue to eche cattle, their properly fees.
If snowe do continue, sheepe hardly that fare:
craue mistle and Iuye, for them for to spare.

13 Now lop for thy fewel, old pollenger growen,
that hinders the corne, or the grasse to be mowen.

In lopping and felling, saue ydder and stake:
thine hedges as needith, to meind or to make.

14 In lopping old Jotham for feare of mishap,
one bough stay vnlopped, to cherish the sap.
The second yere after, then boldly ye may:
for drypping his felowes, that bough cut away.

15 Lop, popler, and salow, elme, maple, and pyre,
wel saued from cattle, till sommer to lye.
So far as in lopping, their tops ye do slinge:
so far without planting, yong coppe wil springe.

16 If hoppard or orchard, ye mind for to haue,
for hoppoles, and crotchis, in lopping go saue.
which husbandly spared, may serue at a push:
and stop by so hauing, two gaps with a bush.

17 From Christmas till May, be wel entered in,
some cattle ware fainte, and looke poorely and thin,
and chiefely, when pryme grasse at first doth appere:
then moste is the daunger, of al the whole yere.

A medicine for fainte cattle.

18 Take bergis and heate it, a pinte for a kow,
bay salt a hand ful, to rub tong ye wote how.
That donne, with the salt, let her drinke of the rest:
this many times raiseth thee feeble vp best.

19 Poore bullock with browsing, & naughtely fed,
skarse feedeth, her teeth be so loose in her hed.
then slyse ye the taile, where ye feele it so soft:
with soote and with garlick, bound to it a loft.

20 By brembles and bushes, in pasture to ful,
poore shepe be in daunger, and loseth their wul.
Now therefore thine ewe, vpon lamming so neere:
desireth in pasture, that al may be cleere.

21 Leaue grubbing or pulling, of bushes (my sonne)
till timely thy fenses, require to bee donne.
Then take of the best, for to furnish thy turne,
and home with the rest, for the fier to burne.

22 In euery greene, if the fence be not thine,
now stub vp the bushes, the grasse to be fine.
Least neighbour do dayly, so hack them beliue:
that neither thy bushes, nor pasture can thriue.

Stubbing of greenes.

23 In ridding of pasture, with turues to hye,
fyl euery hole vp, as close as a dye.
The labour is little, the profit is gaye:
what euer the loitering labourers saye.

24 The sticks and the stones, go and gather vp clene,
for hurting of sieth, or for harming of greene.
For feare of Hew prouler, get home with the rest.
when frost is at hardist, then carriage is best.

25 Vong bryme or good pasture, thy ewes do require:
warme harth and in safetie, their lambes for to feare.
Looke often wel to them, for foxes and dogs:
for pitts and for brembles, for vermin and hogs.

26 More dainty the lamb, the more worth to be solde:
the sooner the better, for eaw that is olde.

But if ye do mind, to haue milk of the dame,
til May do not seuer, the lamb fro the same.

27 Eaws yerely by twinning, rich maisters do make,
the lamb of such twinners, for breeders go take.
For twinlings be twiggers, encrease for to bring:
though some for their twigging, peccantem may sing.

28 Calues likely that come betwene Christmas & lēt
take huswife to rere, or else after repent.
Of such as do fal betwene change and the prime:
no rering, but sel or go kil them in time.

29 House calfe, and go sockle it twise in a daye,
and after a while, set it water and haye,
Stake ragged to rub on, no such as wil bend:
then weane it wel tended, at fifty dayes end.

30 The senior weaned, his yonger shal teache,
both how to drink water, and hay for to reache.
More stroeken and made of, when ought it do aile,
more gentle ye make it, for yoke or the paile.

31 Geld bulcalfe, and ramlamb, as soone as they fall,
for therin is lightly, no daunger at all.
Some spareth the ton, for to pleasure the eye:
to haue him shew greater, when butcher shal buye.

32 Sowes ready to farrow, this time of the yere,
are for to be made of, and counted ful dere.
For now is the losse of a fare of the sow,
more great then the losse, of two calues of thy kow.

33 Of one sow together, rere fewe aboue fiue,
and those of the faireſt, and likeſt to thriue.
Ungelt of the beſt, keepe a couple for store:
one boye pig and sow pig, that sucketh before.

34 Who hath a desire to haue store verye large,
at Whitsountide let him giue huswife a charge,
To rere of a sow at once, onely but three:
and one of them also a boye let it bee.

A way to haue large breede of hogs

35 Geld vnder the damme: within fortuight at leaſt,
and saue both thy money, and life of the beaſt.
Geld later with gelders as many one do:
and looke of a dozen, to geld away two.

36 Thy coltes for the saddle, geld yong to be light,
for cart do not so, if thou iudgeſt a right.
Nor geld not, but when they be lusty and fat:
for there is a point to be learned in that.

37 Geld filies (but tits) er an. ix. daies of age,
they die elſe of gelding, or gelders do rage.
yong filies so likelie, of bulck and of bone:
keepe such to be breeders, let gelding alone.

38 For gayning a trifle, ſell neuer thy store,
what ioy to acquaintance, what pleasureth more,
the larger of body, the better for breede:
more forward of growing, the better they speede.

39 Good milchkow well fed, that is faier and sound,
is yerely for profit, as good as a pound.

and yet by the yere haue I proued or now:
as good to the purse is a sow as a kow,

40 Keepe one and kepe both, with as little cost,
then all shalbe saued, and nothing be lost.
Both hauing to gether what profit is caught:
good huswifes (I warrant ye) nede not be taught.

41 Thy garden plot lately wel trenched and muckt,
would now be twyfalowd, the mallows out pluckt.
wel clensed and purged, of roote and of stone,
that faut therin afterward, found may be none.

42 Remember thy hop yard, if season be dryye,
now dig it and weede it, and so let it lye.
Noye fenny the layer, the better his lust,
most apt to beare hops, when it crumbles like dust.

43 To arbor begunne, and quicke sette about,
no poeling nor waddling, till set be far out.
For Rotten and aged, may stand for a sheaw,
but hold to their tacling, they cannot but feaw.

Sowing of Otes. 44 In January, husband that poucheth the grotes,
will breake by his lay, or be sowing of otes,
Otes sowen in Ianuere, lay by the wheat:
in May, by the hay, for the cattle to eat.

45 Let seruant be ready, with mattock in hand,
to stubb out the bushes, that noyeth the land.
And cumbersome rootes, so annoying the plough:
turne bpward their arses, with sorow ynough.

Wreaking vp lay.

46 Who breaketh vp timely, his fallow or lay,
sets forward his husbandry, many a way.
this tilth in a tilture, well forward doth bring.
not only thy tillage, but all other thing.

47 Some breaking vp lay, soweth otes to begin,
to suck out the moisture so sower therein,
yet otes with her sucking, a peeler is found:
and ill to the maister, and worse to some ground.

48 Land arable breuen, or worne to the proofe,
and craueth some rest, for thy profits behoofe.
with otes ye may sowe it, the sooner to grasse:
and so to good profit, to bring it to passe.

Februaries abstract.

Chap. 30.

Feb. fill the dike,
with what ye like.

1 To cost man ride,
lent stuffe to prouide.

2 Sowe now ye may,
beanes, pease gray.

Keepe white vnsowne,
till more be knowne.

Where clods great fall,
there harrow ye shall.

4 Stick bowes arowe,
where rounciuals growe.

Forgotten month past,
do now at the last.

5 Sowe kirnels and hawe,
where ridge ye did drawe.

6 Sowe hemp to kill weede,
sowe mustard seede.

Where setts do grow,
see nothing ye sowe.

7 Cut vines and osier,
plash hedge of enclosier.

Feede highly thy swan,
to loue her good man.

Well high I aduiſe,
leaſt flood do ariſe.

Plaſh borow, ſet clapper,
for dog is a ſnapper.

8 Land medow ſpare,
there dong is good ware.

Good flight who loues,
muſt feede their doues.

9 Poore cattle craue,
ſome ſhift to haue.

Bid hawking adew,
caſt hawke into mew.

10 Kow little geeueth,
that hardly leeueth.

Keepe ſheepe out of briers,
keepe beaſt out of miers.

11 Rid barley all now,
cleane out of the mow.

Keepe lambs from for,
elſe ſheapheard go bor.

The beſt thereout draw,
geue cattle that ſtraw,

Good neighbour mine,
now yoke thy ſwine.

The reſdew thou ſhalt,
lay ſafe to dry malt.

Now euery day,
ſet hops ye may.

12 Go ſtrike at the nowles,
of deluing mowles.

Now ſet for the pot,
beſt herbes to be got.

Such hillocks in vaine,
lay leueled playne.

For flowers go ſet,
All ſortes ye can get.

13 To wet thy land,
let mowll hill ſtand.

As winter doth proue,
ſo may ye remoue.

Trenche meadow and redge,
dike quickſet and hedge.

For all the yere,
Now all thing rere.

To plots not full,
ad bremble and hull.

Watch ponds go looke,
to weeles and hooke.

Let wheat or elſe rye,
for thether ſtill lye.

Knaues ſeldome repent,
to ſteale in lent.

Such ſtraw ye may haue,
for thetcher to haue.

All fiſh they get,
that commeth to net.

Poore Tanney ſo bagged,
is ſone ouer lagged.

Now

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NOw timely for lent stuff, thy money disburse,
the longer ye tary for profit the wurse.
if one peny vantage be therein to saue:
of costeman or Flemming be sure it to haue.

2 So plow in the stubble, take timely this season
be soewing of fitches, of beanes and of peason. Sowing of peason.
Now, sooner ye sowe them, the sooner they coom:
and better for houshold, they fill vp a room.

3 So harow the peason, ye buried so deepe,
least colde do compell them, for euer to sleepe.
Or thistles so meany (that combersome wede)
where clay hath the mastrie, come vp in their stede.

4 Stick plenty of bows, among runcifall pease,
to climber thereon and to braunche at their ease.
So doing more tender and greater they wex:
if peacock and turkey, leaue iobbing their becks.

5 Now sow and go harow (wher redge ye did draw)
the seed of the bremble, with kurnell and haw,
which couered ouer lye soone to shut oute
go see it be diched and fenced about.

6 Where bankes be a mended, and newly vp cast, Sow hemp seede in May
sowe mustard seed, after a shower be past.
where plots full of nettles, be noysome to eye:
sowe thereupon hempseed, and nettles will dye.

7 The vines and the osiers, cut and go set,
if grape be vnpleasant, a better go get.

Fede swan and go make her vp strongly anest:
for feare of a flood, good and high is the best.

8 Land meadow that yerely is spared for hay,
now fence and spare it, and dong it ye may.
get mowleketcher, cunningly mowle for to kill,
and harow and cast abrode euery hill.

9 Friend alway let this be a parte of thy care,
for shift of good pasture, lay pasture to spare.
so haue you good feeding, in bushets and leaze:
and quickly sake finding of cattle at ease.

10 Where cattle may run about, roeuing at will,
from pasture to pasture, pooze belly to fill,
there pasture and cattle, both hungry and bare:
for want of good husbandry, worser do fare.

11 Now thresh out thy barley, for malt or for seede,
for breadcorne (if need be) to serue as shall neede.
If worke for the thresher, ye mind for to haue,
of wheat & of mastlein, vnthreshed go saue.

12 Wher medow or pasture may yeld the good haye
let mowll be dispatched som maner of waye
Then cast a brode mowllhyll, as flat as ye can.
for many comodities followynge thau

13 If pasture by nature, is geuen to be wet
then bare with the mowellhill. though thick it be set
that lamb may sit on it & so to sit drie
or els to lye by it the warmer to lye

Marches

Chap. 32.

Marche duſt to be ſolde,
worth raunſomes of golde.

1 Whight peaſon ſowe,
ſkare hungry crowe.

2 Spare meadow for hay,
ſpare maſhes at May.

3 What champion bleth,
woodland refuſeth.

Keepe ſheepe from dog.
keepe lamb from hog.

If Fores mowſe them,
then, nightly howſe them.

4 March drie or wet,
hop ground go ſet.

Yong rootes well dreſſ,
proue euer the beſt.

Graunt hop great hill,
to grow at will.

From hop long gut,
away go cut.

5 Here learne the way,
hop rootes to lay.

6 Rootes beſt to proue,
thus ſet I loue.

7 Leaue ſpace and rome,
to hillock to come.

8 Of hedge and willow,
hop makes her pillow.

Forgotten month paſt,
do now at the laſt.

Good bearing hop,
climes vp to the top.

Keepe hop from ſonne,
and hop is vndone.

9 Hop tooles procure,
that may endure.

Iron crowe like a ſtake,
deepe hole to make.

A ſcraper to pare,
the earth about bare.

A hone to raiſe roote,
like ſole of a boote.

Sharpe knife to cut,
ſuperfluous gut.

10 Who grafting loues,
now grafting proues.

Of euery ſuite,
moſt deintie fruite.

Graft good fruite all,
or graft not at all.

11 Graft ſoone may be loſt,
both grafting and coſt.

Learne here to take hid,
what counſaile doth bid.

12 Sow barely that can,
to ſoone, ye ſhall ban.

Let

Let horse keepe his owne,
till barley be sowne.

Sowe euen the land,
with plentifull hand,

Sowe ouer and vnder,
in clay is no wonder.

13 Straight follow the plough,
and harrow enough.

With sling or bowe,
go skare away crowe.

14 Roule after a dearwe,
when barley doth shearw.

More handsome to make it,
to mowe and to rake it.

15 Learne here ye may,
best harrowing way.

16 Make ready a plot,
for seedes for the pot.

17 Best searching mindes,
The best way findes.

18 For garden best,
is south southwest.

19 Good tilth bring seedes
ill tilture weedes

20 For sommer sow now
for winter see how.

21 To set or sowe,
learne time to knowe.

22 Yong plants sone die,
that grow to drie.

23 In countrey doth reck,
what season is best.

24 Good poore mans fare,
is poore mans care.

And not to bost,
of sod and rost.

25 Cause rooke and rauen,
to seeke a new hauen.

Geld lambs now all,
streight as they fall.

Looke twice a day,
least lambs decay.

Keepe corne from crowe,
with arrow and bowe.

Where horse did harrow,
put stones in barrow.

Or lay them bye,
in heapes on hye.

Let oxen fat,
lose nothing of that.

Now hunt with dog,
vnyoked hog.

With doues good luck,
hen, goose, and duck.

To spare a right,
spare March his flight.

Saue

Saue chickins pooze buttocks,
from pye, crowe & puttocks.

Here learne to knowe,
what ſeedes to ſowe.

Some loue now beſt,
yong rabbets neſt.

And ſuch to plant,
whoſe ſeedes do want.

Now knaues will ſteale,
pig, lambe, and beale.

¶ Seedes and herbes for the Kychen.

1 Auens.
2 Betany.
3 Bleets oz beetes, whit oz yellow.
4 Blood wooꝛth.
5 Buglas.
6 Burnet.
7 Burrage.
8 Cabage remoue in June.
9 Clarye.
10 Colewoꝛts.
11 Creſſes
12 Endiue.
13 Fenell.
14 French Malows
15 French Saffron. Set in Auguſt
16 Lang de bieſe.
17 Leekes remoue in June.
18 Lettis remoue in Maye
19 Long woꝛt.
20 Liuer woꝛt.
21 Marigolds often cut
22 Mercury
23 Mynts at al times
24 Nep.
25 Myneons from Deceb. to March
26 Oꝛach oz arach, red and white

27 Patience.
28 Percely.
29 Penerial.
30 Primerole,
31 Pozet.
32 Roſemary, in the ſpring time.
33 Sage red and white.
34 Saffron, ſet in Auguſt.
35 Sommer ſauery.
36 Sozel.
37 Spinnage.
38 Stuckery.
39 Siethees.
40 Tanzye.
41 Time.
42 Violets of al ſozts.
43 Winter ſauozye.

¶Herbes and rootes, for ſallets and ſawce.

1 Alexanders, at al times.
2 Artichocks.
3 Bleſſed thiſtle, oz Carduus Benedictus.
4 Cucumbers, in April and Maye.
5 Creſſis, ſow with Lettice in the ſpring
6 Endiue.
7 Muſtarde ſeede, ſowe in the ſpring and at Michelmas.
8 Muſke myllione, in Aprill and May.
9 Pintes
10 Purſlane.
11 Radiſh. and after remoue them.
12 Rampions
13 Rokat, in Aprill.
14 Sage.
15 Sozel.
16 Spinage, foz the Sommer.
17 Sea holye.

18 Spe-

18 Sperage, let growe two yeares, and then remoue.
19 Skirrets set these plants in Marche.
20 Suckery
21 Taragon Aprill.
22 Violets.

¶ These buy with the peny,
or looke not for eny.

1 Capers.
2 Lemmans.
3 Olives.
4 Orengis.
5 Rise.
6 Sampire.

¶ Herbes & roots to boile or to butter.

1 Beanes. set in winter.
2 Cabbegis. som in Marche, and after remoue.
3 Carrets
4 Cytrons, sow in May.
5 Goodyes. in May.
6 Nauewes, sowe in June.
7 Pompiones. in May.
8 Parseneps. in winter.
9 Roncifall pease set in winter
10 Rapes sow in June.
11 Turneps, in March & Aprill.

¶ Strowing herbs of al sorts.

1 Basel, fine & bushe. sow in May
2 Bawme set in Marche.
3 Camamel.
4 Costemary.
5 Cowsleps, and paggles.

6 Daysies, of al sortes.
7 Sweete fennell.
8 Germander
9 Isop set in Februarie.
10 Lauender.
11 Lauender spike.
12 Lauender cotton
13 Margerom knotted, sow or set at the spring.
14 Pawdelin.
15 Penal rial.
16 Roses. of al sortes in January & September.
17 Red mintes
18 Sage.
19 Tanzey.
20 Violets.
21 Winter sauery

¶ Herbes. branches and flowers for windowes and pots.

1 Bayes sow, or set in plants in Januarie.
2 Batcheler's buttens
3 Botles, blew, red and tauney.
4 Collembines.
5 Campions.
6 Daffadondillies.
7 Eglantine, or sweete bryer.
8 Fether fewe.
9 Flower armour sow in May
10 Flower de luce.
11 Flower gentle, whit and red.
12 Flower nyce.
13 Gelyflowers, red, white, and carnations, set in Spring, and Haruest in pots, pailes or tubs, or for sommer in bedds.
14 Holiokes, red, whit and carnations.
15 Indian eye sow in May, or set in slips in Marche.
16 Lauender of al sorts.

Larkes

17 Larkes foot.
18 Laus tibi.
19 Lilium cum balium.
20 Lillies, red and white, sowe or set in March, & September.
21 Marigoldes double.
22 Nigella Romana.
23 Pauncies or hartsease.
24 Pagels greene and yellow
25 Pinkes of al sortes.
26 Queenes gilliflowers.
27 Rosemary.
28 Roses of al sorts.
29 Snap dragons.
30 Sopps in wine.
31 Sweete williams.
32 Sweete Johns.
33 Star of Bethelem.
34 Star of Jerusalem.
35 Stock gilleflowers of al sortes.
36 Tuft gelliflowers.
37 Veluet flowers, or french marigold
38 Violets yellow and white.
39 Wal gelliflowers of al sorts.

¶ Herbes to still in sommer.

1 Blessed thistell.
2 Betonye.
3 Dill.
4 Endiue.
5 Eye bright.
6 Fennel.
7 Fumetorie.
8 Isop.
9 Mints.
10 Plantine,
11 Roses, red & damaske.
12 Respies.

13 Saxefrage.
14 Strawberies.
15 Sozel.
16 Suckerie.
17 Woodrofe foz ſweete waters & cakes.

¶ Neceſſary herbes to grow in the garden foz Phyſicke, not reherſed befoze.

1 Annis.
2 Archangell.
3 Betane.
4 Charuyle.
5 Cinqfile.
6 Cummin.
7 Dragons.
8 Detany, oz garden ginger.
9 Gromell ſeede. foz the ſtone.
10 Hartſtongue.
11 Hozehound.
12 Louage foz the ſtone.
13 Lycozas.
14 Mandrake.
15 Mogwoꝛth.
16 Pyonees,
17 Poppye.
18 Rew.
19 Rubard.
20 Smalache.
21 Saxefrage, foz the ſtone.
22 Savin, foz the botts.
23 Stichwozt.
24 Valerian.
25 Woodbine.

Thus endes in brieſe, of herbes the chiefe. To get moze ſkill. reade whom ye will. Such moe to haue, Of field go craue.

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Sowing of white peason.

White peason both good, for the pot and the purse,
by sowing to timely, proue often the wurse.
Because they be tender, and hateth the cold:
proue March er ye sow them, for being to bold.

Spare eating of meadowe.

2 Spare meadowe at Gregory, marshes at Pask,
for feare of drye sommer, no longer time ask.
Then hedg them and ditch them, bestow theron pēce,
corne meadow and pasture, ask allway good fence.

3 Of Mastiues and mungrils, that many wee see,
a number of thousands, to many there bee.
Watch therfore in lent, to thy sheepe go and loke:
for dogs will haue vittles, by hooke or by croke.

Setting of hopps.

4 In March at the furdest, drye season or wet,
hope rootes so well chosen, let skilful go set.
The goeler and yonger, the better I loue:
wel gutted and pared, the better they proue.

5 Some layeth them crosewise, along in the ground
as high as the knee, they doe couer vp round.
Some pricke vp a sticke, in the midds of the same:
that little round hillocke, the better to frame:

6 Some maketh a hollownes, halfe a foote deepe,
with fower sets in it, set slant wise a steepe.
One foote from another, in order to lye,
and thereon a hillock, as round as a pye.

7 Fyue

7 Fiue foote from another, eche hillock would stand,
as straight, as a leaueled line with the hand.
Let euery hillocke, be fowre foote wide:
the better to come to, oen uery side.

8 By willowes that groweth, thy hoppard without,
and also by hedges, thy meadowes about,
Good hop hath a pleasure, to climbe and to spred:
if sonne may haue passage, to comfort her hed.

Hop tooles. 9 Get crowe made of Iron, deepe hole for to make,
with crosse ouerthwart it, as sharpe as a stake.
A hone and a parer, like sole of a boote:
to pare away grasse, and to raise vp the roote.

Grafting. 10 In March is good grafting, the skilful do know,
so long as the winde, in the east do not blow.
From moone being changed, til past be the prime:
for grafting and cropping, is very good time.

11 Things grafted or planted, the greatest and least,
defend against tempest, the bird and the beast.
Defended shal prosper, the tother is lost:
the thing with the labor, the time and the cost.

Sowing of barley. 12 Sowe barley in March, and in Aprill & Maye,
the latter in sand, and the sooner in claye.
what worser for barley then wetnes and colde:
what better to skilful, then time to be bolde.

13 Let barley be harrowed, finely as dust,
then workemanly trenche it, and fence it ye must.

This

This season well plied, set sowing an end,
and prayse and pray God, a good harvest to send.

14 Some rowleth their barley, straight after a raine, Rowling of Barley
when first it appereth, to leavell it plaine.
The barley so vsed, the better doth growe,
and handsome ye make it, at harvest to mowe.

15 Otes bareley and pease, harrowe after you sowe, Harrowing
for rye harow first, as alreadie ye know.
Leave wheat little clod, for to couer the hed:
that after a frost, it may out and go spred.

19 In March, May, and April, from morning to night Gardening
in sowing and setting, good huswives delight.
To haue in a garden, or other like plot:
to trim vp their house and to furnish their pot.

17 The nature of flowers dame physicke doth shewe,
she teacheth them all, to be knowne to a fewe.
To set or sowe, or els sowne to remoue:
how that should be practised, learne if ye loue.

18 Land falling or lying, full South or southwest, To knowe good land.
for profite by tillage, is lightly the best.
So garden with orchard, and hoppyard I finde:
that want the like benefite, growe out a kinde.

19 If field to beare corne, a good tillage doth craue,
what thinke ye of garden what garden would haue.
In field without cost, be assured of weedes:
in garden be suer thou loesist thy seedes.

20 At spring (for the sommer) sowe garden ye shall,
at haruest (for winter) or sowe not at all.
Oft digging, remouing, and weeding (ye see)
make herb the more holesome, and greater to bee.

21 Time fayer. to sowe or to gather be bolde,
but set or remoue, when the weather is colde.
Cut all thing or gather, the Moone in the wane:
but sowe in encreasing, or giue it his bane.

22 New set do aske watring, with pot or with dish,
new sowne do not so, if ye do as I wish.
Through cunning with dible, rake, mattock & spade:
by line and by leauell trim garden is made.

23 Who soweth to late ward, hath seldome good sede
who soweth too soone, little better shall speede.
Apt time and the season, so diuers to hit:
let ayer and layer helpe practise and wit.

24 Good peason and leekes to make porredge in lent,
and pescods in July, saue fish to be spent.
Those hauing with other things. plentifull than:
thou winnest the hart of the laboring man.

25 Kill crowe, pie and cadow, rooke, buzard and rauen
or els go desire them, to seeke a new hauen.
In scaling the pongest, to plucke of his beck:
beware how ye climber, for breaking thy neck.

Aprils

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Sweete Aprill ſhowers,
Do ſpring May flowers.
Forgotten month paſt.
do now at the laſt.

1 Set hop his pole,
make deepe the hole.

2 Firſt bark go ſell,
er timber ye fell.

3 Fence cople in,
er hewers begin.

4 The beſt ye know,
for ſtaddles let grow.

5 Crab tree preſerue,
for plowe to ſerue.

6 Get timber out,
er yere go about.

7 Man, cow prouides,
wife dayry guides.

8 Slut Ciſley vntaught,
hath whitemeat naught.

9 Some bringeth in gaines,
ſome loſſe beſides paines.

Runne Eye, ſaut knowne,
with more then thine owne,

10 Such Miſtreſſe ſuch Man,
ſuch Maſter ſuch man.

11 By ſuch ill geſtes,
poore Eye, ill reſtes.

Such ſautes as theaſe,
good dame will eaſe.

Theſe ſautes all ten,
abhorreth all men.

12 A warning for Cyſſe,
for doing amyſſe.

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GEt into thy hoppard, with plentie of poles,
among thoſe ſame hillocks, deuide them by doles.
Three poles to a hillock (I paſſe not how long)
ſhall yeelde thee more profite, ſet deepely and ſtrong.

Put poles to your hop hils.

Felling of Timber

2 Sell barke to the Tanner, er timber ye fell,
Cut lowe by the ground, oz elſe do ye not well.
In bzeaking, ſaue crooked, foz myll and foz ſhippes:
and euer in hewing, ſaue carpenters chippes.

3 Firſt ſee it well fenced oz hewers begin,
then ſee it well ſtaddled, without and within.
Thus being pzeſerued, and hulbandly doune:
ſhall ſoner rayſe pzofit to thee oz thy ſonne,

Staddling of woods.

4 Leaue growing foz ſtaddles, the likeſt and beſt,
though ſeller and buyer, diſpatcheth the reſt,
In buſhet, in hedgerowe, in groue and in wood:
this leſſon obſerued, is nedefull and good.

5 Saue elme, aſhe and crabtree, foz cart and foz plough
Saue ſtep foz a ſtile, of the crotch of the bough.
Saue hazell foz fozkes, ſaue ſallow foz rake:
ſaue huluer and thozne, therof flayle foz to make.

Diſcharge thy woods

6 Make riddance of carriage, er yere go about,
foz ſpoyling of plant, that is newly come out.
To carter (with oxen) this meſſage I bzing:
leaue oxen abzode, foz anoying the ſpzing.

Dayzye matters

7 Fzom Apzill beginning, till Andzew be paſt,
ſo long with good hulwife, her dayzy doth laſt.
Good milchcow & paſture, good hulbands pzouide
the reſdue, good hulwifes know beſt how to guide.

8 Ill hulwife vnſkilfull to make her owne cheeſe,
thzough truſting of others, haue this foz her feeſe.

Her

Her milke pan and creame pot, so slabberd and sost:
that butter is wanting, and cheese is halfe lost.

9 Where some of a kow, do rayse yerely a pound,
with such seely huswiues, no peny is found.
Then dayry maid (Cisley) her faute being knowne,
away a pace trudgeth, with moze then her owne.

10 Then neighbour foz Gods sake, if any you see,
good seruant foz dayry house, wayne her to mee.
Such master such man, and such mistres such mayde:
such husband and huswife, suche howses arayde.

¶ A lesson for dayry mayd Cisley of ten toppings gests.

AS wife will,
good husband please
Must shonne with skill,
such gests as thease:
So Cysse that serues,
must marke this note,
What faute deserues.
a brushed cote.

Gehezie, Lots huswife, and Argulles eyes,
Tom Pyper, poore Cobler, and Lazarus tyes. Ten topping gests.
Rough Esau with Mawdelin, and Gentles that scrall,
With Bishop that turneth, and burneth vp all.

These toppingly gests, be in number but ten,
as welcome in dayrie, as Beares among men:
Which being descried, take heede if you shall,
for daunger of after claps, after that fall.

White and drie. 1 Gehezy, his sicknes was whitish and drie,
such cheeses good Cisley, ye floted to nie.

To salt 2 Leaue Lot with her piller, (good Cisley) alone,
much saltnes in white meat, is il for the stone.

Full of eyes 3 If cheeses in dayrie, haue Argusses eyes,
tel Cisley the faut, in her huswiferie lies.

Hoven 4 Tom Pyper, hath houen and pufft vp cheekes,
if cheese be so houen, make Cis to seeke creekes.

Tough 5 Poore Cobler he toggeth his leatherly trash,
yf cheese abide togging, at Cisley a crash.

Full of spots 6 If Lazer so lothsome, in cheese be espide.
let bayes amend Cisley, or set her aside.

Full of heares. 7 Rough Esau was hearie, from top to the foot:
if cheese so appeareth, call Cisley a slut.

Full of whay 8 As Mawdelin wept, so would Cisley be drest,
for whay in her cheeses, not halfe ynough prest.

Full of gentils. 9 If gentils be skrauling, call magget the pye,
if cheese haue gentils, at Cis by and by.

Burnt to the panne. 10 Blesse Cisley (good mistres) that bishop doth banne
for burning the milke of her cheese to the panne.

Amend

Amend so oft beaten,
for doing amisse?
I will no more threaten,
I promise thee Cysse.

This dayrie mayd Cisley, rehersed ye see,
what fautes with ill huswife, in dayrie house bee.
Of market abhorred, to household, a griefe:
to master and mistresse as ill as a thiefe.

Mayes abstract.

Chap. 36.

Colde May and a windy,
Barne filleth vp finely.

1 Put lamb from eawe,
to milk a scaw.

2 Be not to bold,
to milke and fold.

3 Fiue eawes allow,
to euery kow,

4 Sheepe wrigling tayle,
hath madds without fayle,

5 Beate in the reede,
as house hath neede.

6 Leaue cropping from May,
till Michelmas day.

Forgotten month past,
do now at the last.

Let Iuye be killed,
or tree wilbe spilled.

7 Now threshers warne,
to ryd the barne.

8 Be euer of hay,
till thend of May.

9 Let sheepe fill flank,
where corne is rank.

In woodland euer,
in champion neuer.

10 To weeding away,
as soone as ye may.

11 For

11 For corne here reede,
what naughty weede.

12 Who weeding ſlacketh,
good huſbandrie lacketh.

13 Sowe buck or branck,
that ſmels ſo ranck.

14 Sowe hemp and flax,
that linnen lacks.

15 Teach hop to clime,
for now it is time.

16 Through fowles & weedes,
poore hop ill ſpeedes.

Cut of or crop,
ſuperfluous hop.

17 The tytters or tine,
now take out fine.

18 New ſetts do craue,
ſome weeding to haue.

19 Now drayne as ye like,
both fenne and dike.

20 Watch Bees in May,
for ſwarming away.

Both now and in June,
marke maſter Bees tune.

21 Tilly fallow thy land,
leaſt plough els ſtand.

22 No longer tary,
out compas to cary.

23 Where neede doth pray it,
there ſee ye lay it.

24 Set Jack and Jone,
to gather vp ſtone.

25 To graſſe with calues,
take nothing to halues.

26 Be ſure thy meate,
haue water and meate.

27 By tayinting of ground,
deſtruction is found.

28 Now carridge get,
home fuell well to fet.

Tell fagot and billet,
for filching gillet.

29 In ſommer for fiering,
let Cittie be buying.

Marke colliers packing,
leaſt coales be lacking.

See opened ſacke,
for two in a packe.

30 Let nodding patch,
go ſleepe a ſnatch.

31 Wife if ye will,
now pite your ſtill.

32 Fine

2 Fine Bazell sowe,
in a pot to growe.

Fine seedes sow now,
(before ye saw how.)

From [illegible], kow fast,
till Crowtchmas be past.

From heffar bul hid thee,
til Lammas doth byd thee.

S. Helens day.

Mayes husbandry.

Chap. 37.

AT Philip and Jacob, away with the lambs,
that thinkest to haue, any milke of their dammes.
At Lammas leaue milking, for feare of a thing:
least (requiem æternam) in winter they sing.

2 To milke and to folde them, is much to require,
except ye haue pasture, to fil their desire.
yet many by milking (such heede they do take)
not hurting their bodies, much profit do make.

3 Fiue Eawes to a kow, make a proofe by a score,
shal double thy dayry, els trust me no more.
Yet may a good huswife, that knoweth the skill,
haue mixt or vnmixt, at her pleasure and will.

4 If sheepe or thy lambe, fall a wrigling with tayle,
go by and by search it, whiles help may preuayle.
That barberly handled, I dare thee assure,
cast dust in his arse, thou hast finisht thy cure.

5 Where houses be reeded (as houses haue need)
now pare of the mosse, and go beat in the reed.
The iuster ye driue it, the smoother and playne:
more handsome ye make it, to shut of the raine.

6 From May till October leaue cropping, for why,
in woodsere, what so euer thou croppist will die.
Leaue of cropping. where Iuy embraseth tree verye sore:
kill Iuy, or tree else will addle no more,

7 Keepe threshing for thresher, till May be come in,
to haue be suer fresh chaff in the bin.
and somewhat to scamble, for hog and for hen:
and worke when it raineth, for loytering men.

8 Be suer of hay, and of prouender some,
for laboring cattle, till pasture be come.
Count store no lore. And if ye do mind, to haue nothing to sterue:
haue one thing or other, for all thing to serue.

9 Ground compassed well, and a following yere,
(if wheat or thy barley, to rank doth appere)
Now eate it with sheepe, or els mowe it ye may:
for ledging and so, to the birds for a pray.

weeding 10 In May get a wede hook, a crotch and a gloue,
and wede out such wedes, as the corne do not loue.
for weding of winter corne, now it is best:
but June is the better, for weding the rest.

Ill weedes 11 The May wede doth burn, & the thistle doth kreate
the kytches pull downward, both rye and the wheate

The

The brake and the cockle, be noisome to much:
yet like vnto beddie, no weede there is such.

12 Slack neuer thy weeding, for derth nor for cheap,
the corne shal reward it, er euer ye reape.
And specially where ye do trust to forseed:
let that be well weeded the better to speed.

13 In May is good sowing, thy buck or thy brank,
that black is as pepper, and smelleth so ranck. Sowing of brank.
It is to thy land, as a comfort or muck:
and al thing it maketh as fat as a buck.

14 Good flax & good hemp, for to haue of her owne,
in May, a good huswife, will see it be sowne.
And afterward trim it, to serue at a neede: Sowing of flax & hemp.
the symble to spinne, and the karel for her seede.

15 Get into thy hoppard, for now it is time,
to teach Robin hop, on his pole how to clime
To follow the Sunne, as his propertie is:
and weede him and trim him, if ought go amis.

16 Grasse, thistle and mustard seed, hemlock and bur.
tine, mallow and nettle, that kepe such a stur. Ill neighbors to the hopp.
With peacock and turky, that nibbles of top:
are very ill neighbors, to sely poore hop.

17 From wheat go and take out, the titters or tine,
if eare be not forth, it will rise againe fine.
Use now in thy rye, little raking or none:
breake tine from his roote, and so let it alone.

Weeding of quickset.

18 Banks newlyu qick sittid, som weding do craue,
the kindlyer nurrishment thereby to haue,
then after a shower, to weding a snatch:
moze easely wede, with the roote to dispatch.

19 The Fen and the quamer, so marrish be kinde,
and are to be drayned, now wyne to thy mind.
which yerely vndrayned, and suffered vncute
annoyeth the medowes, that theron do but.

Swarming of bees.

20 Take heede to thy bees, that are ready to swarme,
the losse therof now, is a crowns wozth of harme.
let skilfull be ready, and dyligence seene:
least being to careles, thou loses thy beene.

twifallowing,

21 In may at the furdest, twy fallow thy land,
much drowt may els after cause plough foz to stand.
this tilth being donne, ye haue passed the wurst:
then after who ploweth, plow thou with the furst.

22 Twye fallow once endid, get tumbrell and man,
and compas that fallowe, as sone as ye can.
let skilfull bestow it, where neede is vpon:
moze profit the sooner, to follow there on.

23 Hyde hedlonds with muck, if ye will to the knees,
so dripped and shadowd with bushes and trees.
bare plots full of gales if ye plowe ouerthwart,
and compas it then is a husbandly part.

24 Let children be hyered, to lay to their bones,
from fallow as nedith, to gather vp stones.

Wha

what wisedom, for profit aduiseth vnto,
that husband and huswife, must willingly do.

25 To gras with thy calues, in som meadow plot nere
where neyther their mothers, may see them nor here,
where water is plenty, and barth to sit warme:
and looke well vnto them, for taking of harme.

Forth to grasse with thy calues.

26 Pinch neuer thy wennels, of water or meate,
if euer ye hope, for to haue them good neate.
In sommer time dayly, in winter in frost:
if cattle lacke drink, they be vtterly lost.

27 For coueting much, ouer lay not thy ground,
and then shal thy cattle, be lusty and sound.
But pinch them of pasture, while sommer doth last,
and lift at their tailes, er an winter be past.

28 Get home with thy fewel, made ready to fet,
the sooner the easer, caridge to get.
Or otherwise linger the carridge theron:
til (whereas ye left it) a quarter be gon.

Get home thy fewel.

29 His fiering in sommer, let Citizens buye,
least buying in winter, make purse for to crye,
For carman and collier, harps on a stringe:
in winter they cast, to be with thee to bringe.

30 From May till mid August, an hower or two,
let patch sleepe a snatch, how someuer ye do.
Though sleaping one hower, refreshith his song:
yet trust not hob growthed, for sleaping to long.

Sleeping time.

Stilling of herbes.

31 The knowledge of stilling, is one preaty feat,
the waters be holesome, the charges not great.
what timely thou getteſt, while ſommer doth laſt:
think winter will helpe thee, to ſpend it as faſt.

32 Fine hazell deſireth, it may be her lot,
to grow as the gelliflowet, trim in a pot.
That ladies and gentles, for whom ſhee doth ſerue:
may help her as needeth, poore life to preſerue.

Iunes Abſtract.

Calme weather in Iune,
Corne ſets in tune

Forgotten moneth paſt,
do now at the laſt.

1 Waſh theepe for to ſhare,
that theepe may go bare.

2 Though fleeſe ye take,
no patches make.

3 Share lambs no whit,
or ſhare not yet.

4 If meadow be growen,
let meadow be mowen.

5 Plow earlye may,
and then carry hay,

6 Tis good to be knowen.
to haue of thine owne.

7 See cart in plight,
and all things right.

8 Make drye ouer hed,
both houel and ſhed.

9 Of houel make ſtack,
with peaſe on his back.

10 Good ſtore houſe needfull,
in order ſpeedfull.

11 Thy barne repaier,
make flower faier.

Such

12 Such shrubbs as noy,
in sommer destroy.

13 Swing brimbles and brakes
get forkes and rakes.

14 Spare hedlong some,
til haruest come.

15 Cast ditch and pond,
to lay vpon lond.

16 Where hops wil growe,
here learne to knowe.

Hops many will come,
in roode of rome.

17 Hops hats the land,
where grauel and sand.

18 Dry rotten moold,
for hop is worth goold.

19 The sunne south west,
for hop yard best.

20 Hop plot once found,
now dig the ground.

21 Hops fauorth malt,
hops, thrift doth exalt.

Of hops more reede,
as time doth neede.

Iunes husbandry.

Chap. 39.

WAsh sheepe (for the better) where watter doth run, and let him go clenlye, and dry in the sun. Sheepe sharing.
Then share him and spare not, at two daies an end:
the sooner the better, his corps wil amend.

2 Reward not thy sheepe (when ye take of his cote)
with twitchis and patchis, as brode as a grote.
let not such vngentlenes, happen to thine:
least frye with yet gentils, do make it to pine.

3 Let lambs go vnclipped, til June be halfe worne,
the better the fleeses, wil growe to be shorne.
the Rye will discharge thee, for pulling the rest:
the lighter the sheepe is, then feedeth it best.

Mowing time,

4 If meadow be forward, be moweing of some,
but mowe as the makers, may wel ouercome.
take heede to the wether, the wind and the skye:
if daunger approcheth, then cock a pace crye.

5 Plough verely till ten a clock, then to thy haye,
in plowing and carting, so profit ye maye.
By little and little, thus doing ye win:
that plough shall not hinder, when haruest comes in,

6 Prouide of thine owne, to haue al thinges at hand
least worke and the workeman, vnoccupied stand.
Loue seldome to borow, that thinkest to saue:
for he that once lendeth, twice looketh to haue.

7 Let Cart be wel serched, without & within,
wel clouted and greased, er hay time begin.
Thy hay being carried, though carter had sworne:
carts bottom well boorded, is sauing of corne.

8 Good husbands that lay to, saue all thing vpright,
for rumbrels and cart, haue a shed ready dight.

where

where vnder the hog, may in winter lye warme,
to stand so enclosed, as wind do no harme:

9 So likewise a houell will serue for a roome,
to stack on thy peason when haruest shall coome.
and serue the in winter, more ouer then that:
to shut vp thy porcklings, thou mindest to fat.

10 What husbandly husbands, except they be fooles,
but handsom haue store house, for trinkets and tooles
And all in good order, fast locked to lye,
what euer is needfull, to finde by and bye.

11 Thy houses and barnes, would be looked vpon,
and all thing amended, er haruest come on.
Things thus set in order, in quiet and rest:
shall further thy haruest, and pleasure the best.

12 The bushes and thorne, with the shrubbs ỹ do noy,
in woodsheere or sommer, cut downe to destroy.
But whereas decay, to the tree ye will none:
for danger in woodsere, let hacking alone.

13 At midsommer, down with the brembles & brakes, Mowe down brakes.
and after, abrode with thy forkes and thy rakes.
set mowers a mowing, wher meadow is growen:
the longer, now standing, the wurse to be mowen,

14 Now down with the grasse, vpon hedlonds about,
that groweth in shadow so ranck and so stout.
But grasse vpon hedlond, of barley and pease:
when harueſt is ended, go mowe if ye please.

15 Such muddy deepe dieches and pits in the field
that all a drie sommer, no water will yeld.

Skower thy ditches. By fleing and casting, that mudde vpon heapes,
commodities many, the husbandman reapes.

A lesson where and when to plant good Hopyard.

16 Whom fansy perswadeth, among other cropps,
to haue for his spending, sufficient of hopps,
must willingly folow, of choyses to chuse:
such lessons approued, as skilfull do vse.

Naught for hops 17 Ground grauely, sandy, and mixed with clay,
is naughty for hops, any maner of way.
Or if it be mingled, with rubbish and stone,
for drienes and barrennes, let it alone.

18 Chuse soile for the hop, of the rotteneste mould,
well donged and wrought, as a garden plot should,
not far from the water (but not ouerflowne)
this lesson well noted is meete to be knowne.

19 The Sunne in the South, or els southly & west,
is ioye to the hop, as a welcomed gest,
But wind in the north, or els northely and east,
to hop is as ill, as a fray in a feast.

Now digg thy new hop ground 20 Meete plot for a hoppard, once found as is told,
make thereof accompt, as of Iewell of gold.
Now dig it, and leaue it the Sunne for to burne:
and afterward fence it, to serue for that turne.

21 The

21 The hop for his profit, I thus do exalt,
it strengtheneth drinke, and it fauoreth malt.
And being well brewed, long kept it will last,
and drawing abide, if ye drawe not to fast.

The praise of hops.

Iulies abstract.

Chap. 40.

No tempest good Iulye,
Least all looke sulye.

Forgotten month past.
do now at the last.

1 Gowe, sirs and away,
to ted and make hay.

If stormes drawes nye,
then cock a pace crye.

2 Let hay still abide,
till well it be dride.

Hay made, away carry,
no longer tarry.

3 Who best way tietheth
he best way thriueth.

4 Two good hay makers,
worth twenty crakers.

5 Let dalops about,
be mowen and had out.

See hay do looke greene,
see field ye rake cleene.

6 Thy fallow I pray thee,
least thistles betwray thee.

7 Cut of good wife,
ripe beane with a knife.

8 Ripe hemp out hull,
from karle to pull.

Let seede hemp growe,
till more ye knowe.

9 Some woormwood saue,
for March to haue.

10 Get grieft to the mill,
for wanting at will.

Go reape or pluck,
thy branke or buck.

Dryde flax get in,
for mayde to spin.

Hay harueſt

GO muſter thy ſeruants, be captain thy ſelfe,
prouiding them weapon, and other like pelfe.
Get bottles and wallets, kepe field in the heat:
the feare is as much, as the danger is great.

2 With tolling and raking and ſetting on cocks,
graſſe lately in ſwathes is hay for an ox.
That donne, go and cart it and haue it away:
the battel is fought, ye haue gotten the day.

Pay thy tythes

3 Pay iuſtly thy tiethes, what euer thou be,
that God may in bleſſing, ſend foizen to the.
though curat be bad, oz the parſon as euell:
go not foz thy tiething, thy ſelf to the deuell.

4 Let hay be well made, oz auiſe elſe auous,
foz moulding in goef, oz of firing the houſe.
lay courſiſt aſyde, foz the ox and the cowe
the fineſt foz ſhepe, and thy gelding alow.

5 Then down with thy hedlond, that growith about,
leaue neuer a dalop, vnmowen and had out.
though graſſe be but thin about barly and peaſe:
yet pieked vp cleane, ye ſhall find therin eaſe.

Thy fallowing.

6 Thy fallow betime, foz deſtroying of wede,
leaſt thiſtle and dock, fall a blooming and ſeede.
ſuch ſeaſon may chance, it ſhall ſtand thee vpon:
to till it againe, er an ſommer be gon.

Gathering of garden beans.

7 Not rend of, but cut of, ripe beane with a knyfe,
foz hindring ſtalke, of her vegetiue lyfe.

ſo

so gather the lowest, and leauing the top:
shall teache thee a trick, for to double thy crop.

8 Wife pluck fro thy seed hemp, the fiemble hemp clene Gather the yelow hemp
this looketh more yellow, the other more grene.
vse ton for thy spinning, leaue Mighel the tother:
for shoothzed and halter, for rope and such other.

9 While woormwod hath seed, get a bundle or twaine
to saue against March, to make flea to refraine.
where chamber is sweeped, & wormwood is strown,
no flea for his life, dare abide to be knowen.

10 Get grist to the mill, to haue plenty in store,
least miller lack water as many do more:
the meale the more yeldeth, if seruant be true:
and miller that tolleth, take none but his due.

Auguſts abſtract.

Chap. 42.

Dry Auguſt and warme,
Doth harueſt no harme.

1 Thy fallowing wonne,
get compaſſing donne.

2 In June and in awe,
ſwinge brakes for a lawe.

3 Ware ſaffron plot,
forget it not.

His dwelling made trim,
looke ſhortly for him.

When harueſt is gon,
then ſaffron comes on.

4 A little of ground,
brings ſaffron a pound.

Keepe culler in drying,
(well vſed) worth buying.

The pleaſure fine,
the profit thyne.

5 Now ſtricke vp droom,
coom harueſt man coom.

Take paine for a gaine,
one knaue marrith twaine.

Get reapers by day,
leſt corne do decay.

By great, is the cheaper,
if truſtie were reaper.

Forgotten month paſt,
do now at the laſt.

7 Geue gloues to reapers,
blow horne for ſleapers.

8 Well doings who loueth,
theſe harueſt pointes proueth.

6 Pay God his part furſt,
and not of the wurſt.

That parſon may,
tith carry away.

10 Keepe cart gap weele,
keepe hog from wheele.

11 Mowne barley leſſe coſt,
ill mowne, much loſt.

12 Reape barley with hand,
that will not ſtand.

Let greeneſt ſtand,
for making of band.

Bands made without deaw,
will hold but a feaw.

13 Lay hand to find her,
two rakers to a binder.

14 Rake after ſiethe,
and pay thy ſiethe.

Corne carryed all,
then rake it ye ſhall.

15 Let

15 Let ſhock take ſweate,
leaſt goeſe take heate.

Yet is it beſt reaſon,
to take it in ſeaſon.

19 More often ye turne,
more peaſe ye out ſpurne.

Yet winne w them in,
er carriage begin.

17 Thy carriage plye,
while weather is drye.

18 Bid goening clim,
goue luſt and trim.

Lay wheat for ſeede,
to come by at neede.

Seede barly caſt,
to threſh out laſt.

19 Lay peaſe vpon ſtack,
if houell ye lack.

And couer it ſtraight,
from doues that waight.

20 Let gleaners gleane,
the poore I meane.

Which euer ye ſowe,
that firſt eate lowe.

The other forbare,
for rowen to ſpare.

21 Come home lord ſinging, harneſt home
come cart corne dringing.

Be mery in hall,
let beards wag all.

22 Once had thy deſire,
pay workman his hire.

Let none be begilde,
man, woman, nor childe.

23 Thank God ſo ye ſhall,
and adue for all.

Auguſtes huſbandrye.

Chap. 43.

Thy fallow once ended, go ſtryke by and by,
both wheat land, and barley, and ſo let it lye:
And as ye haue leyſor, go compas the ſame,
when vp ye do lay it, more fertfull to frame.

2 Get downe with thy brakes, er an ſhowers do come, Mowing of brakes.
that cattle the better may paſture haue ſome.

In

In June and in Auguſt, as well doth appere.
is beſt to mow brakes, of all times in the yere.

3 Pare ſaffron betwene the two S. Mary dayes,
or ſet or go ſhift it, that knoweſt the wayes.
What yere ſhall I doo it (more profit to yeld)
the fowerth in garden, the third in the field.

4 In hauing but forty foote, workmanly dight,
take ſaffron enough, for a lord and a knight.
All winter time after, as practiſe doth teache:
what plot haue ye better, for linnen to bleache.

Corne harueſt

5 Make ſuer of reapers, get harueſt in hand,
the corne that is ripe, do but ſhed as it ſtand.
Be thankfull to God, for his benefits ſent:
and willing to ſaue it, with earneſt entent.

6 To let out thy harueſt, by great or by day,
let this by experience, leade thee away.
By great will deceiue thee, with lingring it out:
by day will diſpatch, and put all out of dout.

7 Grant harueſt lord more, by a peny or two,
to call on his fellowes, the better to do.
Geue gloues to thy reapers, a larges to crye:
and dayly to loyterers haue a good eye.

Good harueſt points

8 Reape, well ſcatter not, gather clene that is ſhorne,
bind faſt, ſhock a pace, haue an eye to thy corne.
Lode ſafe, cary home, follow time being faire:
goue iuſt in the barne it is out of diſpaire.

9 Corne

9 Corne tythed (Sir parson) to gether go get,
and cause it on shocks, to be by and by set.
Not leauing it scattering, abrode on the ground:
nor long in the field, but away with it round.

10 To cart, gap, and barne, set a guide to looke weele
and hoy out (sir carter) the hog, ire thy wheele. Keepe hog from cart wheele.
Least greedy of feeding, in following cart:
It noieth or perisheth, spight of thy hart.

11 The mowing of Barley, if barley do stand,
is cheapest and best, for to rid out of hand. Mowing of barley.
Some mow it and rake it, and sets it on cocks:
some mowe it and binds it, and sets it on shocks.

12 Of barley the longest, and greenest ye finde, Winding of barley.
leaue standing by baiops, til time ye do binde.
Then earely in morning (while dew is thereon)
to making of bands, till the dew bee all gon.

13 One spreadeth those bands, so in order to ly,
as barley (in swathes,) may fil it thereby. Spreding of barley bands
Which gathered vp, with the rake and the hand,
the follower after them, bindeth in band.

14 Where barley is raked (if dealing be true)
the tenth of such taking, to persons is due.
Where scattring of Barley, is seene to bee much:
ther custome nor conscience, tything should grutch.

15 Corne being had downe, (any way ye alow)
Should withers as needeth, for burning in mow.

Such ſkill appertaineth, to harueſt mans art,
And taken in time, is a huſbandly part.

16 No turning of peaſon, till carrige ye make,
nor turne in no more, then ye mind for to take.
Leaſt beaten with ſhowers, ſo turned to dye:
by turning and toſſing, they ſhed as they lye.

17 If weather be fayre, and tydie thy graine,
Make ſpedely carrige, for feare of a raine.
For tempeſt and ſhowers, deceaueth a meny:
and lingering lubbers looſe many a peny.

18 In going at harueſt, learne ſkilfully how,
eche graine for to lay, by it ſelfe on a mow:
Seede barley the pureſt, goue out of the way,
al other nigh hand, goue as iuſt as ye may.

19 Stacke peaſe vpon houell, abrode in the yard,
to couer it quickly, let owner regard.
Leaſt doue and the tadow, there finding a ſmacke:
with ſtormy ill weather, do perifhe thy ſtacke.

20 Corne carrid, let ſuch as be poore go and gleane,
and after thy cattle, to mowth it vp cleane.
Then ſpare it for rowen, till Michel be paſt:
to lengthen thy dayrie, no better thou haſt.

21 In harueſt time, harueſt folke, ſeruants and all,
ſhould make al together, good cheere in the hall.
And ſit out the blacke bowle, of bleith to their ſong.
and let them be merry al harueſt time long.

22 Once ended thy haruest, let none be beggyld,
pleaſe ſuch as did helpe thee, man, woman, and chyld,
Thus doing, with alway, ſuch helpe as they can:
thou winneſt the prayſe, of the labozing man.

23 Now looke vp to Godward, let tong neuer ceaſe,
in thanking of him, foz his mighty encreaſe.
Accept my good will, foz a prose go and trie:
the better thou thziueſt, the gladder am I.

Corne Haruest deuided into Ten equall partes.

1 One part caſt forth, for rent due out of hand.
2 One other part, for ſeede to ſow thy land.
3 Another part, leaue perſon for his tieth.
4 Another part, for haruest, ſicle and ſyeth
5 One part for ploughwrite, cartwrite, knacker & ſmith
6 One part, to vphold, thy teemes that draw therewith
7 One part for ſeruant and workemans wagis laye,
8 One part lykewiſe, for filbellye, day by day.
9 One part, thy wife for needeful thinges doth craue.
10 Thy ſelfe and chylde, the laſt one part would haue.

*W*Ho myndes to cote,
vpon this note
may eaſely fynde enough,
what charge and paine
to little gaine
dothfollow toiling plough.

A briefe concluſion where you may ſee,
Each word in the verſe, to begin with a T.

Chap. 44.

THE thriftie that teacheth the thriuing to thriue,
Teach timely to trauerſe, the thing that thou triue,
Tranſferring thy toyling, to timelynes tought,
This teacheth thee temperance, to temper thy thought
Take truſty (to truſt to) that thinkeſt to thee,
That truſtely thriftines, trowleth to thee.
Then temper thy trauaile, to tary the tide,
This teacheth thee thriftines, twenty times tryde.
Take thankefull thy talent, thanke thankfully thoſe,
That thriftely teacheth, thy time to tranſpoſe.
Troth twiſe to the teached, teach twenty times, ten,
This trade thou that takeſt, take thrift to thee then.

Triue for contriue.

Thee for thriue.

Thomas Tuſſer.

¶Mans

¶Mans age deuided, here ye haue,
By prentiſhips, from birth to his graue.

Chap. 45.

7 The firſt vii. yeres, bring vp as a child.
14 The next, to learning, for wexing too wild.
21 The next kepe vnder ſir hobbard de boye.
28 The next a man, no longer a boye.
35 The next, let luſty, lay wiſely to wiue.
42 The next, lay now or els neuer to thriue.
49 The next, make ſure for terme of thy life.
56 The next, ſaue ſomewhat for children and wife.
63 The next, be ſtaied giue ouer thy luſt.
70 The next, ibinke howerely whither thou muſt
77 The next, get chayer and crotchis to ſtay.
84 The next, to heauen, God ſend vs the way.

¶who looſeth their youth,
Shall rue it in age,
Who hateth the trueth,
In ſorow ſhal rage,

An other diuiſion of the nature of mans age.

Chap. 46.

The Ape, the Lyon, the Fox, the Aſſe,
Thus ſets forth man, as in a glaſſe.

Ape, *Like Apes we be toying, til twenty and one.*
Lyon *Then haſty as Lyons, til forty be gone.*
Fox, *Then wilie as Foxes, till threeſcore and three*
Aſſe, *Then after, for Aſſes accompted wee bee.*

VVho plaies with his better, this leſſon muſt know
what humblenes Fox to the Lion doth owe.
Fox, Ape with his toiyng, and rudenes of Aſſe:
Bringes (out of good hower) diſpleaſure to paſſe.

Comparing good huſband, with vnthrift his brother,
The better diſcerneth the tone from the tother

Chap. 47.

ILL huſbandry braggeth,
To go with the beſt.
Good huſbandry baggeth
Up gold in his cheſt.

Ill huſbandry trudgeth.
With vnthrifts about.

Good

Good husbandry sludgeth,
for feare of a dout.

3 Ill husbandry spendeth
abrode like a mome,
Good husbandry tendeth,
his chargis at home.

4 Ill husbandry selle the
his corne on the ground,
Good husbãdry smelleth
no gaine that way found

5 Ill husbãdry loseth
for lacke of good fence,
Good husbandry closeth,
and gaineth the pence.

6 Ill husbandry trusteth
to him and to hur,
Good husbandry lusteth
himselfe for to stur.

7 Ill husbandry eateth,
himselfe out a doore,
Good husbãdry meateth
his frend and the poore.

8 Ill husbandry dayeth
or letteth it lye,
Good husbandry payeth
the cheaper to buye.

9 Ill husbandry lurketh,
and stealeth a sleepe,
Good husbãdry worketh
his houshold to keepe.

10 Ill husbandry leueth,
by that and by this,
Good husbandry geueth
to ery man his.

11 Ill husbandry taketh,
and spendeth vp all,
Good husbandry maketh
good shift with a small.

12 Ill husbandry prayeth
his wife to make shift,
Good husbandry sayeth
take this of my gift.

13 Ill husbãdry drowseth
at fortune so auke,
Good husbãdry rowseth,
himselfe as a hauke.

14 Ill husbandry lyeth,
in prison for det,
Good husbandry spieth
where profit to get.

15 Ill husbandry wayes,
hath to fraud what he cã

Good

Good huſbandrie, prayſe
hath of euery man.

19 Ill huſbandrie neuer
hath wealth to kepe touch:
Good huſbandrie euer,
hath penie in pouch.

Good huſband his boone
Or requeſt hath a farr:
Ill huſband, as ſoone
hath a tode with an R

A compariſon betweene Champion and ſeuerall. Chap. 48.

THe countrey encloſed I prayſe,
the tother delighteth not me,
For nothing the wealth it doth rayſe,
to ſuch as inferiors be.
Becauſe of them both I do know:
I mind therof ſomewhat to ſhow.

2 There, ſwineheard that kepeth the hog Champion
there, neathered wᵗʰ curre & his horne,
There, ſhepeheard wᵗʰ whiſtle and dog
be fence to the meadowe and corne.
There, horſe beinge tyed on a balke,
is readie with thiefe for to walke.

3 where al thing in common doth reſt
Corne field with the paſture & meade:

Though commune ye do for the best,
yet what doth it stand ye in steade.
There commune as communers do:
as good els to cobble a shoo.

4 What layer much better then there:
or cheaper (theron to do well)
What drudgery more any where,
lesse good thereof, where can ye tell:
what gotten by Sommer is seene:
that winter, there eateth vp cleene.

5 Example by Leycester shire,
what soyle can be better then that,
For any thing hart can desire,
and yet doth it want ye see what,
Mast, couert, close pasture, and wood:
and other things nedefull as good,

6 All these doth enclosure bring,
experience teacheth no lesse,
I speake not to boast of the thing.
but onely a troth to expresse,
Example (if doubt ye do make)
by Suffolke and Essex go take.

Generall. 7 More plentie of Mutton and biefe,
corne butter, and cheese of the best,
More wealth any where (to be brieke)
more people, more handsome and prest.
Where finde ye: (go search any coste)
than there, where enclosure is moste.

More

8 More worke for the laboring man,
as well in the towne as the field.
Or therof (deuise if ye can)
more profit, what countreys do yeeld:
More seldome, where see ye the poore
go begging from doore vnto doore.

9 In Norfolke, behold the dispaire,
of tillage, to much to be borne,
By drouers from faier to faire,
and others destroying the corne.
By custome and couetous pates:
by gapps and by opening of gates.

Champion countrey

10 What speake I of communers bye,
with drawing all after a lyne,
So noying the corne, as it lye,
with cattell, with sheepe & with swine,
when all is bestowed the cost:
looke halfe of the same to be lost.

11 The flocks, of the Lords of the soyle,
do yerely the winter corne wrong,
The same in a manner they spoyle,
with feeding so lowe and so long.
And therefore, that champion field:
doth seldome good winter corne yeeld.

12 More profite is quieter found,
(where pastures in seuerall bee)
Of one silly acre of ground,
Then Champion maketh of three,

Againe what a ioye is it knowne:
when men may be bold of their owne.

Champion scucrall.

13 The tone, is commended for graine
yet bread made of beanes they do eate,
The tother, for one loafe haue twaine,
of maſlin, of rye, or of wheate.
The Champion liueth full bare:
when woodland full mery doth fare.

14 Tone, giueth his corne in a darth,
to horſe, ſheepe, and hog ery day,
The tother, giue cattle warm barth,
and feede them with ſtraw & with hay,
Corne ſpent of the tone, ſo in vaine:
the tother doth ſell to his gaine.

15 Tone, barefoote & ragged doth go,
and ready in winter to ſterue,
when tother, ye ſee doth not ſo,
but hath that is needfull to ſerue.
Tone, paine in a cottage doth take:
when tother, trim boowers do make.

16 Tone, layeth for turfe & for ſedge,
and hath it with wonderfull ſuite,
when tother, in euery hedge.
hath plenty of fewell and fruite.
Euils twenty times worſer then theaſe
encloſure full quickly would eaſe.

17 In woodland the poore men that haue
ſcarce fully two acres of land,

More

Moze merily liue, and do ſaue,
than tother, with twentie in hand.
Yet pay they as much foz the two,
as thother foz twentie muſt do.

18 The labozer comming from thence,
in woodland to wozke any where,
(I warrant you) goeth not hence,
to wozke any moze, againe there.
If this ſame be true (as it is)
why gather they nothing of this;

19 The poore, at encloſing do grutch
becauſe of abuſes that fall.
Leaſt ſom man ſhould haue but to much,
and ſome againe nothing at all.
If order mought therein be found:
what were to the ſeuerall ground.

Thus endeth Huſbandrie.

To light a candle before the Deuill.

To beard thy foe shewes forth thy wytt
but helpes the matter nere a whyt,

My sonne, it were not worst,
to frame thy nature so:
That as thine vse is to thy friend,
likewise to greete thy foe.
Though not for hope of good,
yet for the feare of euill:
Thou maist find ease, so proffring vp
a candell to the deuill.

This knowne, the surest waye,
thine enmies wrath to swage.
If thou canst currey fauour thus,
thou shalt be counted sage.
Of truth I tell no lye,
by proofe to well I knowe:
The stubborne want, of only this,
hath brought full many lowe.

And yet to speake the trouth,
the Deuill is worse then naught:
That no good turne, will once deserue,
yet looketh vp so haught.
Exalt him how we please,
and giue him what we can:
Yet skarcely shall we finde such Deuil
a trustye honest man.

But where the mightie may
of force the weake constraine.

It

It shall be wysely doone to bow,
to voyd a foryther payne.
Like as in tempest great,
where wind doth beare the stroke:
Much safer stands the bowing reede,
then doth the stubborne oke.

And chiefely when of all,
thy selfe art one of those:
That fortune nedes, will haue to dwel
fast by the Deuils nose.
Then (though against thine hart)
thy tongue thou must so charme:
that tongue may say, where ere thou come
the Deuill doth no man harme.

For where as no reuenge,
may stand a man in steede:
As good is then an humble speech,
as otherwise to bleede.
Lyke as ye see by him,
that hath a shrew to wife:
As good it is to speake her fayre,
as still to liue in strife.

Put thou no Deuill in boote,
as once did master Shorne:
Take heede as from madde bayted bull
to keepe thee fro his horne,
And where yesee the Deuill.
so bold to wrest with lawe:
Make conge oft, and crouch a loofe,
but come not in his clawe.

The ſcholer forth of ſchoole,
may boldlier talke his mind:
The fields haue eyes, the bulhes eares,
falſe byrds can fetch the wind.
The further from the gonne,
the ſafer may ye ſkippe:
The nerer to the carters hand,
the neerer to the whippe.

The neerer to the whippe,
the ſooner comes the ierke:
The ſooner that poore beaſt is ſtrucke,
the ſooner doth he yerke.
Some loueth for to whippe,
to ſee how ierkes will ſmart:
In woofull taking is that horſe,
that needes muſt drawe in cart.

Such fellow is the Deuill,
that doth euen what he liſt:
Yet thinketh he what ere he doth,
none ought dare ſay, but whiſt.
Take therfore heede my ſonne,
and marke full well this ſong:
Learne thus with craft to claw ỳ deuil
elſe liue in reſt not long.

¶ A Sonet againſt a ſlaunderous tongue.

DOth darnell good, among the flowry wheat,
Do thiſtles good, ſo thick in fallow ſpied.

Do taint wormes good, that lurk wher or ſhuld eate?
Or ſucking dranes, in hyue wher Bees abyde?
Do hornets good, or theſe ſame byting gnats?
Foule ſwelling toades, what good by them is ſeene?
In houſe wel deckt, what good doth gnawing rats?
Or caſting mowlles, among the meadowes greene?
Doth heauy newes, make glad the hart of man?
Or noiſome ſmelles, what good doth that to helth?
Now once for all, what good (ſhew who ſo can)
Do ſtinging ſnakes, to this our common welth?
No more doth good, a peuiſh ſlaunderous tong,
But hurts it ſelfe, and noies both old and yong.

A Sonet vpon the Autors firſt vii. yeares ſeruice.

SEuen times hath Janus, tane new yeare by hand
Vii times hath bluſtring March, blowne forth his power:
To driue out Aprils budes, by ſea and land,
For minion May, to deck moſt trim with flower,
Vii. times hath temperat Aer, like pageant plaied,
And pleſant Aeſtas, eke her flowers told:
Vii. times Autumnes heat, hath bene delayed,
With Hiems boiſtrous blaſtes, and bitter cold,
Vii. times the thirteene Moones, haue changed hew,
Vii. times the Sunne, his courſe hath gone about,
Vii. times ech bird hir neſt hath buylt a new:
Since firſt time you to ſerue, I choſed out.
Still yours am I, though thus the time hath paſt,
And truſt to bee, ſo long as life ſhal laſt.

Of wiuing and thriuing.

Man, mynded for to thriue,
muſt wiſelie lay to wiue.
what hap may thereby fall:
here argued find ye ſhal.

The Dialogue betweene two batchelers, of wyuing and thriuing, by Affirmation and Obiection.

Affirmation.

FRend, where we met this other day,
We heard one make his mone and ſay,
Good Lord, how might I thriue?
We heard an other aunſwere him,
Then make thee handſome, trick and trim:
and lay in time to wiue.

Obiection.

And what of that, ſay you to me,
Do you your ſelfe thinke that to be:
The beſt way for to thriue?
If trouth were truely boulted out,
As touching thrift, I ſtand in dout,
If men were beſt to wiue.

Affirmation.

There is no doubt, for proue I can,
I haue but ſeldome ſeene that man,
which could the way to thriue:
Until it was his happy lot,
To ſtay himſelfe in ſome good plot:
and wiſely then to wiue.

Obiec

Obiection.

And I am of an other minde,
For by no reason can I find,
How that way I should thriue:
For whereas now I spend a penny,
I should not then be quit with menny
Through bondage for to wiue.

Affirmation.

Not so, for now wher thou doest spēd
Of this and that, to no good end,
which hindreth thee to thriue:
such vain expenses thou shouldst saue,
and daily then lay more to haue,
as others do that wiue.

Obiection.

Why then do folke this prouerbe put.
the black oxe neare troade on thy foot
If that way were to thriue:
Here out a man may soone pike forth
Few feeleth what a penny is worth,
till such time as they wiue.

Affirmation.

It may so chaunce as thou doest saye,
This lesson therefore beare away,
If thereby thon wilt thriue:
Looke er thou leape, see er thou go,
It may be for thy profit so,
For thee to lay to wiue.

Obiection.

It is to much we dayly here,
To wiue and thriue both in a yere,
as touching now to thriue:
I know not herein what to spye,
But that there doth smal profit lye,
to fansie for to wiue.

Affirmacion.

In dede the first yeare oft is such,
That fondly some bestoweth much
All let to them to thriue:
Yet other moe, may sone be found,
which getteth many a faire pound,
the same day that they wiue.

Obiection.

I graunt, some getteth more y^, day
Then they can easely beare away,
now needs then must they thriue
what gaineth such think you by that?
A little burden you wote what,
though fondnes for to wiue.

Affirmacion.

Thou seemest blind, as moe haue ben,
it is not beauty bringeth in,
The thing to make thee thriue:
In womankind, see that ye do,
Require of her, no gift but two,
when ere ye minde to wiue.

Obiecti-

Obiection.

But twoo say you? I pray you than,
Shewe those as briefly as you can,
if that may helpe to thriue:
I wene we must conclude anon,
Of those same twain, to want the ton
when ere we chance to wiue.

Affirmacion.

An honest huswife, trust to mee,
be those same twaine I say to thee,
that help so much to thriue:
As honesty farre passeth gold,
so huswiferie in yong and old,
do pleasure such as wiue.

Honesty and huswifery.

Obiection.

The honesty in deed I graunt,
Is one good point a wife should haut,
to make hir husband thriue:
but now, fain would I haue you show
how should a man good huswife know
if once he hap to wiue?

Affirmacion.

A huswife good betimes will rise,
And order things in comely wise,
her mind is set to thriue:
Upon her distaffe she will spin,
And with hir needle she will win,
if such ye hap to wiue.

Of wiuug and thriuing.

Obiection.

It is not idle going about,
nor all day pricking on a clout,
Can make a man to thriue:
Or if there be none other winning,
but that the wife getts by hir spinning,
small thrift it is to wiue.

Affirmation.

Some more then this, yet doo they shall,
Although thy stock be very small,
yet will shee help thee thryue:
Lay you to saue as well as shee,
and then you shall enriched bee,
when such you hap to wiue.

Obiection.

If shee were mine, I tell thee trouth,
To much to trouble her I were loth,
For greedines to thriue:
Least some should talke as is the speech,
The good wiues husbād weares no breech
If such I hap to wiue.

Affirmation

What hurts it thee, what some do say.
If honestly shee take the way,
To help thee for to thriue:
For honesty will make hir prest,
To do the thing that shall be best,
If such ye hap to wiue,

Obie

Obiection.

Why did Diogenes say than,
To one that askt of him time whan,
were best to wiue to thriue?
Not yet (quod he) if thou be yong,
If thou were old, then hold thy tong,
It is to late to wiue.

Affirmation.

Belike he knew, some shreawish wife
which w̄ her husband made such strife
that hindred him to thriue:
who then may blame him for ẏ cause,
though then he spake as sōe had cause
as touching for to wiue.

Obiection.

Why then I see to take a shreaw,
(as seldome other there be seaw)
Is not the way to thriue:
So hard a thing I spie it is,
the good to chuse, the shreaw to misse,
that feareth me to wiue.

Affirmation.

She may in some thing seeme á shreaw
yet such a huswife as but few,
to helpe thee for to thriue:
This prouerbe, looke in mind ye kepe
As good a shreaw is as a sheepe,
for you to take to wiue.

Obiection

Now be shee lambe or be she eaw,
Giue me the shepe, take thou ỳ shreaw
See which vs shall thriue:
If shee be shreawish think for troth,
For all her thrift, I would be loth,
to match with such to wiue.

Affirmacion.

Tush, farewell then I leaue you of,
Such fooles as you, that loue to scof,
Shall seldome wiue to thriue:
Contrary her as you do mee,
And then ye shall I warrant ye,
repent ye, if ye wiue.

Obiection.

Friend, let vs both giue iustly place,
To wedded man to iudge this case,
which best way is to thriue:
For both our talke, as seemeth plaine,
Is but as hapneth in our braine,
To will or not to wiue.

¶Wedded mans iudgement, vppon the former argument.

Mediator

AS Cocke, that wants his mate,
goes rouing all about,
with crowing earely and late,
to find his louer out:

And

And as poore seely hen,
Long wanting Cock to guide,
soone droopes, and shortly then
beginnes to peake a side:
Euen so it is with man and wife,
(where gouernment is sound)
the want of tone, the tothers life,
doth shortly soone confound.

IN tell and in earnest, here argued ye kind;
that husband and huswife, in wedlock must dwell;
And therto the iudgement of wedded mans mynd,
that husbandry otherwise speedeth not well.
So, somewhat more now, I intend for to tell;
of Huswiferie, like as of husbandrie told.
how huswisly huswife, helps bring in the gold.

S.t.

FINIS.

The points of Huſwifrie, vnited to the comfort of Huſbandrie, *newly corrected and amplified with* diuers good leſſons for houſholders to recreat the Reader, as by the Table at the end hereof more plainely may appeare.

Set forth by Thomas Tuſſer Gentleman. 1573.

To the right honorable and my eſpeciall good Lady and Miſtreſſe, the Lady Paget.

THough daunger be mickle,
and fauour ſo fickle,
Yet dutie doth tickle,
my fanſie to wright:
Concerning how prettie,
how fine and how nettie,
Good huſwife ſhould pettie,
from morning to night.

2 Not minded by writing,
to kindle a ſpighting,
But ſhew by endighting,
as afterward told:
How huſbandry eaſeth,
ſo huſwiferie pleaſeth,
and many purſe greaſeth,
with ſiluer and gold.

3 For huſbandry weepeth,
where huſwiferie ſleepeth,
and hardly hee creepeth,
vp ladder to thrift:
That wanteth to hold him,
thrifts ladder to hold him,
before it be told him,
he falles without ſhift.

4 Leaſt many ſhould feare me,
and others forſweare me,
of troth I do beare me,
vpright as ye ſee:
full minded to loue all,
and not to reproue all,
but onely to moue all,
good huſwifes to bee.

5 For if I ſhould mindſome,
or deſkant vnkindſome,
and miſſing to findſome,
diſpleaſe ſo I mought:
or if I ſhould blend them,
and ſo to offend them,
what ſtir I ſhould ſend them,
I ſtand in a dout.

6 Though harmles I make it,
and ſome do well take it,
if others forſake it,
what pleaſure were that:
naught elſe but to paineme,
and nothing to gaineme,
but make them diſdaine me,
I wot nere for what.

7 Leaſt ſome make a triall,
as clock by the diall,
ſome ſtand to deniall,
ſome murmure and grudge:
geue iudgement I pray you,
for iuſtly ſo may you,
ſo ſanſy, ſo ſay you,
I make you my iudge.

8 In tyme, ye ſhall try me,
by troath, ye ſhall ſpy me,
ſo finde, ſo ſet by me,
accoarding to ſkill:
how euer tree growleth,
the fruit, the tree ſhoweth,
your Ladyſhip knoweth,
my hart and good will.

9 Though fortune doth meaſure,
and I do lack treaſure,
yet if I may pleaſure,
your honour with this:
then will me to mend ie,
or mend ere ye ſend it,
or any where lend it,
if ought be amiſſe.

Your Ladiſhips ſeruant
Thomas Tuſſer.

The Preface to the booke of Huſwiferye.

TAke weapon away, of what force is man?
take huſwife from huſband, and what is he than?

2 As louers deſireth, together to dwell,
ſo huſbandry loueth good huſwifery well.

3 Though huſbandry ſeemeth, to bring in the gaynes,
yet huſwifery labours, ſeeme equall in paines.

4 Some reſpit to huſbands, the wether may ſend,
but huſwifes affaires, haue neuer an end.

As true as thy fayth,
Thus Huſwiferie ſayth.

The praiſe of Huſwiferie.

I Serue for a day, for a weeke, for a yeare,
for life time, for euer, while man dwelleth here.
For richer, for poorer, from North to the South
For honeſt, for hardhed, or daintie of mouth.
For wed, & vnwedded, in ſicknes and health,
For all that well liueth, in good common wealth.
For Citie, for countrey, for Court and for cart,
to quiet the head, and to comfort the hart.

A deſ-

A deſcription of huſwife and Huſwiferie.

OF huſwife, doth huſwiferie challenge that name,
of Huſwiferie, huſwife doth likewiſe the ſame.
Where huſband and huſbandry ioyneth with theaſe,
there welthines gotten, is holden with eaſe.

The name of a huſwife, what is it to ſay?
the wife of the houſe, to the huſband a ſtay.
If huſwife doth that, as belongeth to hir:
if huſband be wittie, there needeth no ſtir.

The huſwife is ſhee, that to labour doth fall,
the labour of hir, I doo huſwiferie call.
If thrift by that labour, be ſaued or got:
then is it good huſwiferie, els is it not.

The woman, the name of a huſwife doth win,
by keeping hir houſe, and of doings therein.
And ſhee that with huſband, will quietly dwell:
muſt thinke on this leſſon, and follow it well.

FINIS.

Enſtructions to Huſwifery.

Serue God is ihe furſt,
True loue is not wurſt.

A Dayly good leſſon, of huſwife in deede,
is God to remember, the better to ſpeede.

2 An other good leſſon, of huſwiferie thought,
is huſwife with huſband, to liue as ſhee ought,

¶ VVife comely no griefe,
Man out, huſwife chiefe.

3 Though trickly to ſee to, be gallant to wiue,
yet comely and wiſe, is the huſwife to thriue.

4 When huſband is abſent, let huſwife be chiefe,
and looke to their labour that eateth her biefe.

¶ Both out, not alow,
Keepe houſe huſwife thou.

5 Wher huſband and huſwife, be both out of place,
there ſeruants do lopter, and reaſon their caſe.

6 The huſwife ſo named (of keaping the houſe,)
muſt tend on hir profit, as cat on the mouſe.

¶ Seeke home forreſt,
For home is beſt.

7 As huſwiues keepe home, and be ſtirrers about,
ſo ſpeedeth their winnings, the yere throughout.

8 Though home be but homly, yet huſwif is taught,
that home hath no fellow, to ſuch as haue aught.

Vſe

¶Vſe all with ſkill,
aſke what ye will.

9 Good vſage with knowledge, and quiet with all,
Make huſwife to ſhine, as ſunn on the wall.

10 What huſband refuſeth, all comely to haue,
that hath a good huſwife, all willing to ſaue.

¶Be readie at need,
all thine to feed.

11 The caſe of good huſwiues thus dayly doth ſtand,
what euer ſhall chaunce, to be ready at hand.

12 This care hath a huſwife all day in hir head,
that all thing in ſeaſon be huſwifely fed.

By practiſe go muſe,
How howſhold to vſe.

13 Dame practiſe is ſhee, that to huſwife muſt tell,
which way for to gouerne, her family well.

14 Vſe labourers gently, keepe this as a lawe,
make childe to be ciuell, keepe ſeruant in awe.

¶VVho careleſſe do liue,
occaſion do giue.

15 Haue euery where, a reſpect to thy wayes,
that none of thy life any ſlaunder may rayſe.

16 What many do know, though a time it be hid,
at length will abrode, when a miſchief ſhall bid.

No neighbour reproue,
do ſo to haue loue.

17 The loue of thy neighbour, ſhal ſtand thee in ſtede,
the poozer, the gladder, to helpe at a nede.

18 Uſe friendly thy neghbour, els truſt him in this,
as he hath thy friendſhip, ſo truſt vnto his.

¶ Stricke nothing vnknowne,
take heede to thine owne.

19 Reuenge not thy wzath vpon any mans beaſt,
leaſt thine by like malice, be bid to like feaſt.

20 What huſband pzouideth, with money his dzudge
the huſwife muſt looke to, which way it doth trudge,

A diſgreſſion.

NOw out of the matter, this leſſon I ad,
concerning cock crowing, what pzofit is had,
experience teacheth, as true as a clock:
how winter night paſſeth, by marking the cock.

Cock croweth at midnight, times few aboue ſix,
with pauſe to his neighbour, to aunſwere betwixt,
at thzee a clock thicker, and then as ye know:
like all in to Mattens, nere day they do crow.

At midnight, at thzee, and an hower ere day,
they vtter their language, as well as they may:
which who ſo regardeth, what counſell they giue:
will better loue crowing as long as they liue.

For being frayd,
Take heede good mayd:
Marke crowing of cock,
For feare of a knock.

The

¶ The first cocke crowing.

Howe, dame it is midnight, what rumbling is that! At midnight.

The next cocke ſhoweth.

Take heede to falſe harlots, and moze ye wot what,
If noyſe ye do here,
looke al thinges be cleare.
Leaſt drabs do noy thee,
and theeues deſtroy thee.

¶ The first Cocke croweth.

Maids three a clock, kned, lay your bucks, oz go bzew At three a clock.

The next cock ſhoweth.

And cobble and botch ye, that cannot buy new.
Both mayden and man,
mend now what ye can.
Leaue gibber gabber,
mend ſlibber ſlabber.

¶ The first cock croweth. At the breake of the day.

Paſt fiue a clock, holla: mayd ſleeping beware,

The next cock ſhoweth.

Leaſt quickely your miſtreſſe vncouer your bare.
Mayd vp I beſeech you,
leaſt miſtreſſe do breech you.
To worke and away,
as faſt as ye may.

Now liſtẽ good huſwiues, what doings ar here
Set out for a day as it ſhould for a yere.

¶ No ſoner ſome vp
but noſe is in cup.

GEt vp in the mozniug, as ſoone as thou wilt,
with ouer long ſlugging, good ſeruant is ſpilt.

2 Some ſlouens from ſleeping, no ſooner be vp,
but hand is in aumbzie, and noſe in the cup.

That early is donne,
count huſwifely wonne.

Morning Workes. 3 Some wozkes in the mozning, may trimly be doune,
that al the day after, can hardly be wonne.

4 Good huſband without, it is nedeful there bee:
good huſwife within, is as needeful as hee.

Caſt duſt into yard,
and ſpin and go card.

5 Sluts cozners auoyded, ſhall further thy helth,
much time about trifles, ſhal hinder thy welth.

6 Set ſome to peele hemp, oz elſ reſhis to twine,
to ſpin and to card, oz to ſeething of bzine.

Grind malt for drinke,
ſee meat do not ſtinke.

7 Set ſome about cattle, ſome paſture to bewe,
ſome, malt to bee grinding, againſt ye do bzewe.

8 Some, cozneth, ſome bzineth, ſõe wil not be taught,
where meat is atainted, there cookery is naught.

To breakefaſt that come,
giue ery one ſome.

9 Call ſeruants to breakefaſt, by day ſtar appere, Breakefaſt.
a ſnatch and to worke fellowes, tarry not here.

10 Let huſwife be caruer, ſee pottage be heate,
a meſſe to each one, with a mezcell of meate.

No more tittle tattle.
go ſerue your cattle.

11 What tack in a pudding, ſaies greedy gut wringer,
giue ſuch ye wot what, ere a pudding he finger.

12 Let ſeruant once ſerued, thy cattle go ſerue,
leaſt often ill ſeruing, make cattle to ſterue.

Learne you that will thee,
How deinty ſome bee.

13 No breakefaſt of cuſtome, prouide for to ſaue,
but onely for ſuch as deſerueth to haue.

14 No ſhewing to ſeruant, what vittailes in store,
ſhew ſeruant his labour, and ſhew him no more:

Of hauocke beware,
eat nothing wil ſpare,

15 Where al thing is common, what needeth a hutch,
where wanteth a ſauer, there hauocke is much.

16 Where windowe is open, cat maketh a fray,
yet wilde Cat with two legs, is wurſe by my fay.

Looke wel vnto thine,
Slut ſlothful muſt whine.

17 An eye in a corner who vſeth to haue,
reuealeth a drab, and preuenteth a knaue.

18 Make mayd to be cleanly, or make her cry creake,
and teach hir to ſtir, when her miſtreſſe doth ſpeake.

Let holly wand threate,
let fiſgig be beate.

19 A wand in thy hand, though ye fight not at all,
make youth to their buſineſſ, better to fall.

20 For feare of foole had I will, cauſe thee to wayle,
let fiſgig be tought, to ſhut dooze after tayle.

To eaſy the wicket,
will ſtil appeaſe clicket.

21 With her that will clicket, make daunger to cope,
leaſt quickely her wicket ſeeme eaſy to ope.

22 As rod little mendeth, where maners be ſpilt,
ſo naught wilbe naught, ſay & do what thou wilt.

Fight ſeldome ye ſhal,
but vſe not to brall.

23 Much brauling with ſeruant, what man can abide
pay home when thou fighteſt, but loue not to chide.

24 As order is heauenly, where quiet is had,
ſo error is hell, or a miſchiefe as bad.

What

VVhat better a law,
then ſubiectes in awe.

25 Such awe as a warning, wil cauſe to beware,
doth make the whole houſhold, the better to fare.

26 The leſſe of thy counſell, thy ſeruants do know,
their duity the better, ſuch ſeruants ſhall ſhow.

Good muſicke regard,
good ſeruant reward.

27 Such ſeruants are ofteneſt, paineful and good,
that ſing in their labour, as birds in the wood.

28 Good ſeruants hope iuſtly, ſome frindſhip to feele,
and looke to haue fauour, what time they do weele.

By once or twiſe,
tis time to be wiſe.

29 Take runagat Robin, to pitty his neede,
and looke to be filched, as true as thy Creede.

30 Take warning by once, that a wurſe do not hap,
foreſight is the ſtopper of many a gap.

Some chaunge for a ſhift,
oft change ſmall thrift.

31 Make few of thy counſel, to chaunge for the beſt,
leaſt one that is trudging, infecteth the reſt.

32 The ſtone that is rouling, can gether no moſſe.
for maſter and ſeruant, of chaunging is loſſe.

Both liberall ſticketh,
ſome prouender pricketh.

33 One Dog for a hog, and one cat for a mouſe,
one ready to giue, is ynough in a houſe.

34 One gift il accepted, kepe next in thy purſe,
whom prouender pricketh, are often the wurſe.

Brew ſomewhat for thine,
els kepe no ſwine.

ewing.

35 Where brewing is nedefull, be brewer thy ſelfe,
what filleth the roofe, will helpe furniſh the ſhelfe.

36 In buying of drinke by the firkin or pot,
ſcore quickely ariſeth, hog profiteth not.

Well brewed, worth coſt,
Ill vſed, halfe loſt.

37 One buſhell wel brewed, out laſteth ſome twaine,
two troubles for nothing, is coſt to no gaine.

38 Too new is no profite, to ſtale is as bad,
drinke dead or els ſower, makes labour ſad.

Remember good Gil,
Take paine with thy ſwil.

hing of
es.

39 Seeth graines in more water, while graines be yet hot
and ſtir them in copper, as poredge in pot.

40 Such heating with ſtraw, to haue offal good ſtore
both pleaſeth and eaſeth, what would ye haue more.

New

New bread is a dreuill,
Much cruſt is as euill.

Baking.

41 New bread is a waſter, but mouldy is wurſe.
what dog catcheth that way, that loſeth the purſe.

42 Much do we bake I praiſe not, much cruſt is as ill,
the meane is the huſwife, ſay nay if ye will.

Good cookery craueth,
Good turne broch ſaueth.

Cookery.

43 Good cooke to dreſſe dinner, to bake and to brew,
Deſerues a reward, being honeſt and true.

44 Good diligent turne broche, and truſty with all,
is ſometime as needful, as ſome in the hall.

Good dayrye, doth pleaſure
Ill dairy ſpends treaſure,

Dayry.

45 Good huſwife in dayry, that needes not be tolde,
Deſerueth her fee to be payd her in golde.

46 Ill ſeruant neglecting, what huſwifery ſayes,
Deſerueth her fee, to be payd her with bayes.

Though droy be worth much,
marke ſluts and ſuch.

47 Good droy to ſerue hog, to helpe waſh & to milke,
more needful is truely, then ſome in their ſylke.

48 Though homely be mylker, let clenly be cooke,
for ſlut and a ſlouen, be knowne by their looke.

In dayrieno Cat,
Lay bane for Rat

49 Though cat (a good mouſer) doth dwel in a houſe
yet euer in dayry, haue trap for a mouſe.

50 Take hede how thou laieſt, the bane for the rats,
for poiſoning ſeruant, thy ſelfe and thy brats.

No ſcouring for pride,
ſpare kettle whole ſide.

51 Though ſcouring be nedefull, yet ſcouring to much
is pride without profit, and rubbeth thine huch.

ſcouring.

52 Keepe kettles from knocks, & ſet tubs out of Sun,
for mending is coſtly, and crackt is ſoone dun.

Take heede when ye waſh.
els runne in the laſh.

53 Maydes waſh well & wring wel, but beat ye wot
if any lacke beating, I feare it be you. (how

aſhing.

54 In waſhing by hand, haue an eye to thy boll,
for Launders and Millers, be quick of their toll.

Dry ſunne, dry wind,
ſafe bind ſafe find.

55 Go waſh wel ſaith ſommer, with ſunne I ſhal dry,
go wring wel ſaith winter, with wind ſo ſhal I.

56 To truſt without hede, is to venter a ioint,
giue tale and take count, is a huſwifely point.

Where

Where mamy be packing.
are many things lacking.

57 When hens fall a cackling take heede to their neſt
when drabbes fall a whiſpring, take heede to the reſt.

58 Through negligēt huſwiues ar many thigs lackig
and Gyllet ſuſpected, will quickly be packing.

Ill malting is theft,
wood dried hath a weſt.

59 Houſe may be ſo handſome, and ſkilfulneſſe ſuch, Malting
to make thy owne malt, it ſhal profit thee much.

60 Some drieth with ſtraw, & ſom drieth with wood
wood aſketh more charge, and yet nothing ſo good.

Take heede to the kell,
Sing out as a bell.

61 Be ſuer no chaunces, to fier can drawe,
the wood or the furzen, the brake or the ſtrawe.

62 Let Gyllet be ſinging, it doth very well,
to keepe her from ſleeping and burning the kell.

Beſt dride, beſt ſpeedes,
illkept, bowd breedes.

63 Malt being well ſpeered, the more it will caſt,
malt being well dryed, the longer will laſt.

64 Long kept in ill ſoller (vndouted thou ſhalt,)
through bowds without nūber, loſe quickly thy malt.

For hunger or thriſt,
dreſſe cattell well firſt.

Dinner time. 65 By Noone ſee your dinner be ready and neat,
let meat tary ſeruant, not ſeruant his meat.

66 Plough cattell a bayting, call ſeruant to dinner,
the thicker, ſo much be the charges the thinner.

To gither is beſt,
For hoſtis and geſt.

67 Dew ſeaſon is beſt, altogither to gay,
diſpatch hath no fellow, make ſhort and away.

68 Beware of Gill laggoſe, diſordring thy houſe,
moe dainties who catcheth, then craftie fed mouſe:

Let ſuch haue ynough,
that follow the plough.

69 Giue ſeruant no dainties, but giue him ynough,
too many chappes walking, do begger the plough.

70 Poore ſeggons halfe ſterued worke faintly & dull,
and lubbers do loyter their bellies to full.

Giue neuer too much,
to lazie and ſuch.

71 Feede lazie, that threſheth a flap and a tap,
like ſlouthfull, that all day be ſtopping a gap.

72 Some litherly lubber, more cateth then two,
yet leaueth vndone, that a ſtraunger will do.

VVhere

VVhere no thing will laſt,
ſpare ſuch as thou haſt.

73 Some cutteth thy linnen, ſome ſpilleth their broth,
bare table to ſome, doth as well as a cloth.

74 Treene diſhes be homely, and yet not to lack,
where ſtone is no laſter, take tankard and iack.

Knap boy on thet humbes,
And ſaue him his crumbes.

75 That pewter is neuer for manerly feaſt,
that dayly doth ſerue an vnmannerly beaſt.

76 Som gnaweth & leueth, ſom cruſts & ſom crumbs
eat ſuch their own leuigs or gnaw their own thumbs

Serue God euer furſt,
take nothing at wurſt,

77 At Dinner, at Supper, at morning, at night,
giue thankes vnto God for his gifts in thy ſight.

78 Good husband and huſwife will ſomtime alone,
make ſhift with a morſell, and picke of a bone.

Enough thou art told,
to much will not hold.

79 Three diſhes well dreſſed, and welcome withall,
both pleaſeth thy friend, and becommeth thine hall.

80 Enough is a plenty, to muche is a pride,
the plough with ill holding, goes quickly aſyde.

Make company breake,
go cheriſh the weake.

After noone Woorkes

81 When Dinner is ended, ſet ſeruants to woꝛke,
and follow ſuch marchants, as loueth to lurke.

82 To ſeruant in ſickneſs, ſee nothing ye grutch,
a thing of a trifle, ſhall comfoꝛt him much.

VVho many doo feede,
ſaue much they had neede.

83 Put chippings in dippings, vſe parings to ſaue,
fat Capons oꝛ chickins, that lookeſt to haue.

84 Saue dꝛippings and ſkimmings, how euer ye doo
foꝛ medcine, foꝛ cattle, foꝛ cart and foꝛ ſhoo.

Leane Capon vnmeete,
dere fed is vnſweete.

85 Such ofcoꝛne as commeth, giue wife to her fee,
feed willingly ſuch, as do helpe to feede thee.

86 Though fat fed is daintie, of this I thee warne,
be cunning in fatting, foꝛ robbing thy barne.

Peece hole, to defend,
things timely amend.

87 Good ſemſters bee ſowing, of fine pꝛeti knacks,
good huſwiues be mending, and peecing their ſacks.

88 Though making and mending be huſwifly waies
yet mending in time, is the huſwife to pꝛaiſe.

Buy

Buy new as is meete,
Marke blanket and sheete.

89 Though Ladies may rend and buy new ery day,
Good huſwiues muſt mede, & buy new as they may.

90 Call quarterly ſeruants, to court and to leete,
wyte euery Couerlet, Blanket and ſheete.

Shift ſlouenly elfe,
Be gayler thy ſelfe.

91 Though ſhifting to oft, be a thiefe in an houſe,
yet ſhift ſlut and ſlouen, for feare of a louſe.

92 Graunt doubtfull no key of his chamber in purſe,
leaſt chamber dooze lockt, be to thiefery a nurſe.

Saue feathers for geſt,
Theſe other rob cheſt.

93 Saue wing for a threſſher, whē Gander doth die, Saue feathers.
ſaue feather of all thing, the ſofter to lye:

94 Much ſpice is a thiefe, ſo is candle and fyer,
ſwete ſauſe is as craftie, as euer was fryer.

VVife make thine owne candle,
Spare peny to handle.

95 Prouide for thy tallow, ere froſt commeth in, Candle making.
and make thine owne Candle, ere winter begin:

96 If peny for all thing, be ſuffred to trudge,
truſt long not to peny to haue him thy drudge.

Time drawing to night.
See all thing go a right.

Euening woorkes

97 When hennes go to rooſt, go in hand to dreſſe meat ſerue hogs and to milking, and ſome to ſerue neat.

98 Where twaine be inough, be not ſerued with three more knaues in a company, worſer they bee.

Make lacky to trudge,
Make ſeruant thy drudge.

99 For euery trifle leaue iancing thy Nag,
but rather make lacky, of Jack boy thy wag.

100 Make ſeruant at night, lug in wood or a log,
let none come in empty, but ſlut and thy dog.

Falſe knaue readie preſt,
All ſafe is the beſt.

101 Where pullein vſe nightly, to pearch in the yard,
there two legged Foxes, keepe watches and ward.

102 See cattell well ſerued, without and within,
and all thing at quiet ere ſupper begin.

Take heed it is nedefull,
True pitie is meedfull.

103 No clothes in gardein, no trinkets without,
No doore leaue vnboulted for feare of a doubt.

104 Thou wooman whom pitie becommeth the beſt,
graunt all that hath laboured, time to take reſt.

Vſe

Vſe mirth and good woord,
at bead and at bord.

105 Prouide for thy huſband to make him good chere Supper time
make mery together while time ye be here.

106 At bed and at bord, how ſoeuer befall,
what euer God ſendeth, be mery withall.

No brawling make,
no ielouſie take.

107 No taunts before ſeruants, for hindring thy fame
no iarring to loude, for auoyding of ſhame.

108 As franſy and hereſie roueth together,
So ielouſie leadeth a foolle ye wot whether.

Tend ſuch as ye haue,
ſtop talkatiue knaue.

109 Yong childzen & chickins would euer be eating,
good ſeruants looke duely for gentle entreating.

110 No ſeruant at table vſe ſaucily to talke,
leaſt tongue ſet at large, out of meaſure do walke.

No ſnatching at all,
Sirs harken now all.

111 No lurching, no ſnatching, no ſtriuing at all,
leaſt one go without and another haue all.

112 Declare after Supper, take heede thereunto,
what woorke in the morning, eche ſeruant ſhall do. After ſupper woorkes

Thy ſoule hath a clog.
forget not thy dog.

113 Remember thoſe children whoſe parents be poore,
which hunger, yet dare not to craue at thy doore.

114 Thy bandog that ſerueth for diuers miſhaps,
forget not to geue him thy bones and thy ſcraps.

Make keyes to be keepers,
to bed ye ſleepers.

115 Where mouthes be many to ſpend that thou haſt,
ſet keyes to be keepers for ſpending to faſt.

116 To bed after ſupper, let drouſie go ſleepe,
leaſt knaue in the darke, to his marrowe do creepe.

Keepe keyes as thy life.
feare candle good wife.

117 Such keyes lay vp ſafe, ere ye take ye to reſt,
of dayrye, of buttry, of cupboord and cheſt.

118 Feare candle in hay loft, in Barne and in Shed,
feare flea ſmock, & mendbreech, for burning their bed

See doore lockt faſt.
two keyes make waſt.

119 A doore without lock is a baight for a knaue,
a lock without key is a foole that will haue.

120 One key to two locks, if it breake is a griefe,
two keyes to one lock in the end is a thiefe.

Night

Night workes troubled head,
Lock doores and to bead.

120 The day willeth done what ſoeuer ye bid,
the night is a thiefe, if ye take not good hid.

121 Waſh diſhes, lay leauens, ſaue fier and away,
lock doores and to bed, a good huſwife will ſay.

To bed know thy guiſe,
to riſe do likewiſe. Bed time.

122 In winter at nine, and in ſommer at ten,
to bed after Supper, both maydens and men,

123 In winter at fiue a clock, ſeruant a riſe,
in Sommer at fower is euer the guiſe. Time to riſe.

Loue ſo as ye may,
liue many a day.

Be lowly not ſoollen, if aught go amiſſe,
what wreſting may looſe thee, that win with a kiſſe:
Both beare and forbeare, now and then as ye may,
then wench God a mercy, thy huſband will ſay.

The plowmans feaſting daies.

¶ *This would not be ſlept,*
Old guiſe muſt be kept.

GOod huſwiues whō God hath enriched enough, Feaſting dayes.
for get not the feaſtes that belong to the plough:
The meaning is onely to ioy and be glad,
for comfort with labour, is fit to be had.

The plough mans feasting dayes.

Plough Monday.

2 Plough munday, next after ỳ Twelftide is paſt,
bids out ẅ the plough, the wurſt huſband is laſt.
If ploughman get hatchet, or whip to the ſkreene,
maydes loſeth their Cocke, if no water be ſeene.

Shroftide.

3 At ſhroftide to ſhrouing, go threſh the fat Henne,
if blindfilde can kill hir, then gyue it thy men.
Maides fritters & pancakes, ynough ſee ye make,
let ſlut haue one pancake, for company ſake.

Sheepe ſhearing.

4 Wife make vs a dinner, ſpare fleſh neither corne,
make wafers & cakes, for our ſheepe muſt be ſhorne.
at ſheepe ſhearing neighbors, none other thing craue,
but good cheere and welcome, like neighbors to haue

The wake day.

5 Fil ouen ful of Flawns, Ginney paſſe not for ſleepe,
to morowe thy father, his wake day will keepe.
Then euery wanton, may daunce at hir will,
both Tomkin with Tomlin, & Jankin with Gill.

Harueſt home.

6 For all this good feaſting, yet art thou not looſe,
til ploughman thou giueſt, his harueſt home gooſe.
Though gooſe go in ſtubble, I paſſe not for that,
let gooſe haue a gooſe, be ſhe leane be ſhe fat.

Seede

Seede cake.

7 Wife ſometime this weeke, if the wether hold clere
an end of wheat ſowing, we make for this yere.
Remember you therefore, though I do it not:
the ſeede Cake, the Paſties, and Furmenty pot.

Twiſe a weeke roſte.

8 Good Ploughmen looke weekely, of cuſtõe & right
for roſt meat on Sundaies, & Thurſdaies at night.
Thus doing and keeping, ſuch cuſtome and guiſe:
they call thee good huſwife, they loue thee likewiſe.

The good huſwifelie
Phiſicke.

GOod huſwiues prouide, ere an ſyckneſs do come,
of ſundry good thinges in hir houſe to haue ſome.
Good Aqua compoſita, Viniger tart,
Roſe water and treacle, to comfort the hart.
Cold herbes in hir garden, for agues that burne,
that ouer ſtrong heat, to good temper may turne.
White Endiue and Suckery, with Spinage ynough
al ſuch with good pot herbes, ſhould follow the plough
Get water of Fumentory, Liuer to coole,
and others the like, or elſ lye like a foole.
Conſerue of the Barbery, Quinces and ſuch.
with Sirops that eaſeth, the ſickely ſo much.
Aſk Medicus counſell, ere medicine ye make. Phiſicion.
and honour that man, for neceſſities ſake.
Though thouſands hate phiſicke, becauſe of the coſt,
yet thouſands it helpeth, that elſ ſhould be loſt,

Good diet.

Good broth and good keeping, do much now & than,
good diet with wiſedome, beſt comforteth man.
In helth to be ſtirring ſhal profite thee beſt,
In ſickenes hate trouble, ſeeke quiet and reſt.

Thinke on thy ſoule. haue a good hope.

Remember thy ſoule, let no fanſye preuayle,
Make ready to Godward, let faith neuer quayle,
The ſooner thy ſelfe, thou ſubmitteſt to God,
the ſooner he ceaſeth, to ſcourge with his rod.

The good Motherly Nurſery.

Good huſwiues take paine, and do count it good luck
to make theirs own breſt, their owne child to giue ſuck.
Though wrauling and rocking, be noyſome ſo nere,
yet loſt by ill nurſing, is worſer to here.
But one thing I warne thee, let huſwife be nurſe,
leaſt huſband doth finde thee, to franke with his purſe
what hilbacke and fill belly, maketh away,
that helpe to make good, or els looke for a fray.
Giue childe that is fitly, giue baby the big,
giue hardnes to youth, & giue roperipe a twig.
we finde it not ſpoken, ſo often for naught,
that children were better, vnborne than vntaught.
Some cockneis with coking, are made very fooles,
fit neither for prentiſe, for plough nor for ſchooles.
Teache child to aſk bleſſing, ſerue God and to church,
then bleſſe as a Mother: els bleſſe him with burch.
Thou huſwife thus doing, what further ſhal needе,
but al men to call thee, good mother in deede.

Thinke

Thinke on the poore.

REmember the poore, that for Gods sake do call,
for God both rewardeth, and blesseth with all.
Take this in good part, whatsoeuer thou bee,
and wish me no wurse, then I wish vnto thee.

A comparison betweene good Huswifery and euill.

¶ Comparing together, good Huswife and bad,
The knowledg of either, the better is had.

Ill huswifery lyeth,
til nine of the clocke,
Good huswifery trieth
to rise with the Cocke.

2 Ill huswifery tooteth,
to make her selfe braue,
Good huswifery looketh,
what houshold must haue

3 Ill huswifery trusteth,
to him and to hir,
Good huswifery lusteth,
hir selfe for to stir.

4 Ill huswifery careth,
for this nor for that,
Good huswifery spareth,
for feare ye wot what,

5 Ill huſwifery pricketh,
her ſelfe vp in pride,
Good huſwifery tricketh
hir houſe as a bride.

6 Ill huſwifery nothing,
or other muſt craue,
Good huſwifery nothing
but needful will haue.

7 Ill huſwifery moueth,
with goſſep to ſpend,
Good huſwifery loueth,
hir houſhold to tend.

8 Ill huſwifery wanteth,
with ſpending to laſt,
Good huſwifery ſcanteth
the lenger to laſt.

9 Ill huſwifery eaſeth,
hir ſelfe with vnknowne,
Good huſwifery pleaſeth
hir ſelfe with hir owne.

10 Ill huſwifey brooketh
mad toies in hir hed,
Good huſwifery looketh
that all things be fed.

11 Ill huſwifery bringeth
a ſhilling to naught,
Good huſwifery ſingeth,
hir cofers full fraught.

12 Ill huſwifery rendeth
and caſteth a ſide,
Good huſwifery mẽdeth
elſ would it go wide.

13 Ill huſwifery ſweepeth
hir linnen to gaze,
Good huſwifery keepeth
to ſerue hir in age.

14 Ill huſwifery craueth,
in ſecret to bozow,
Good huſwifery ſaueth,
to day foꝛ to mozow.

15 Ill huſwifery pineth,
(not hauing to eate)
Good huſwifery dineth,
with plenty of meate.

16 Ill huſwifery letteth,
the deuill take all.
Good huſwifery ſetteth,
good bꝛag of a ſmall.

17 Good huſwife good fame hath,
of beſt in the towne,
Ill huſwife ill name hath
of euery Clowne.

Thus endeth the booke of
Huſwifery.

For men a perfect warning,
what child shal come by learning.

ALL you that faine would learne, the perfect way,
to haue your childe, in musicke some thing seene:
Aske Nature first, what thereto she doth say,
ere further suite, ye make, to such a Queene.
For doubtlesse (Grossum caput) is not hee,
of whom the learned Muses, seene wil bee.

Once tried that nature, trim hath done her part,
and Lady Musicke, farre in loue withall:
Be wise who first, doth teach thy child that art,
least homely breaker, marre fine ambling Ball.
Not rod in mad braines hand, is that can helpe,
But gentle skill, doth make the proper whelpe.

Where choyse is hard, count good for well a fine,
skill mixt with will, is he that teacheth best,
Let this suffise for teaching child of thine:
chuse quickely well, for all the lingring rest.
Mistaught at first, how seldome proueth well:
trim taught (O God) how shortly doth excell!

Although as ships, must tary wind and tide,
and perfect howers, abide their stinted time,
So likewise, though of learning (dayly tride):
space must be had, ere witte may thereto clime
Yet easy steps, and perfect way to trust,
doth cause good speede, confesse ofte we must,

Thus

Thus in the child, though wit ynough we finde,
and teacher good, neare hand, or other where:
And time as apt, as may be thought with minde,
nor cause, in such thing, much to doubt or feare:
Yet cocking Dames, & shifting Dads frō scholes,
makes prægnāt wittes, to proue vnlearned fooles.

Ere learning come, to haue first art thou taught,
apt learning child, apt time that thing to frame,
Apt cunning man to teach, els all is naught,
apt parents glad to bring to passe the same,
On such apt ground, the Muses loue to build,
this lesson learne: adew else learned child.

The description of womans age by vi. times, xiiij, yeares prentiship, with a lesson to the same.

14 Two first vii. yeares, for a rod they do whine,

28 Two next, as a Perle, in the world they do shine,

42 Two next, trim beautie beginneth to swerue,

56 Two next, for matrons, or drudges they serue,

70 Two next, doth craue a staffe for a stay:

84 Two next, a beere to fetch them away.

A lesson

Then purchas some pelfe,
by fyfty and three:
Or buckle thy selfe,
a drudge for to bee.

Certaine table lessons

FRiend, eateles and drinkles, and buy thee a knife,
else looke for a caruar, not alway to rife,
Some kniueles, their daggers for brauery weare,
that often for surfeting neede not to feare.

2 At dinner and suppet the table doth craue,
good felowly neighbour, good maner to haue,
aduise thee well therfore, ere tongue be to free,
or slapsauce be noted, to saucy to bee.

3 If any thing wanteth or seemeth amisse,
to call for, or shew it, good maner it is:
But busie faut finder, and saucy withall,
is roister like rusken, no manner at all.

4 Some cutteth the napkin, some trencher will nick,
Some sheweth like folly in many a trick:
Let apishe body, so toying at meat,
goe toy with his nody, with ape in the streat.

5 Some commeth vnsent for, not for thy good cheare,
but bent as a spyall, to listen and heare:
which being once knowne, for a knaue let him go,
for Knaue wilbe knauish his nature is so.

Table lessons for wayting seruauntes.

ONe diligent seruiture, skilfull to waight,
more comelith thy table. then other some eight,
That stand for to listen, or gasing about:
not minding their dutie, within nor without.

2 Such wayter is fauty, that standeth so bye,
vnmindfull of seruice, forgetting his eye.
If maister to such, giue a bone for to gnaw:
he doth but his office, to teach such a daw.

3 Such seruiture also, deserueth a check,
that runneth out fisking with meat in his beck.
Such rauening puttocks, for vittels so trim:
would haue a good maister, to puttock with him,

4 Who dayly can suffer, or els can afoord,
his meat so vp snatched, that comes from his boord.
So toesed with carmarants, here and there some:
and others to want it, that orderly come.

5 Good seruiture wayeth, (once dinner begoone)
what asketh attendance, and what to be do one.
So purchasing maister, a prayse with the best:
gets prayse to himselfe, both of maister and gest.

Husbandly posies for the hall.

FRiend here I dwell, and here I haue a little worldly pelfe,
which on my friend I keepe to spend, as well as on my selfe.

2 What euer fare you hap to finde, take welcome for the best,
that hauing then, disdaine thou not, for wanting of the rest.

3 Backbyting talk, that flattering blabs, know wily how to blēge,
the wise doth note, the friend doth hate, the enmie will reuenge.

4 The wise will spend, or geue or lend, yet keepe to haue in store,
if fooles may haue from hand to mouth, they pas vpon no more.

5 Where ease is sought, at length we see, ther plenty wareth scant
who careless liue, go borow must, or else full often want.

6 The world doth think, the welthy man, is he that least shal needs
but true it is, the godly man, is hee that best shall speede.

Posies for the parler.

AS hatred is the serpents noysome rod.
so friendship, is the louing gift of God.

2 The

1 The dronken friend, is friendship very euill,
the frantike friend, is friendship for the Deuill.

3 The quiet friend, all one in word and deede,
great comfort is, like redy gold at neede.

4 With brauling fooles, that wrall for euery wrong.
firme friendship, neuer can continue long.

5 In time that man, shall seldome friendship misse,
that wayeth what thing, touch kept in friendship is.

6 Oft times a friend, is got with easy cost;
which vsed euill, is oft as quickly lost.

7 Hast thou a friend, as hart may wish at will,
then vse him so, to haue his friendship still.

8 Wouldst haue a friend? wouldst know what friend is best?
Haue God thy friend, who passeth all the rest.

Posies for the gests chamber.

The slouen and the careless man, the roynish nothing nice,
to lodge in chamber comely deckt, are seldome suffred twice.

2 With curteine some make scaberd clene, with couerlet their sho,
all dirt and mire, some wallow bed, as spanels vse to do.

3 Though bootes & spurs be nere so foule, what passeth some theron
what place they foule what thing they teare, by tumbling theropon

4 Foule male some call on faire borde, be carpet nere so cleene,
what mäners careless matter hath, by knaue his man is seene.

5 Some make the chimney chamber pot, to smel like filthy sinck,
yet who so bold, so soone to say, sough how these houses stinck.

6 They therfore such, as make no force, what filthy thing they spill,
must haue a kabben like themselues, although against their will.

7 But gentlemen, wil gently do, where gentlynesse is shewd,
obseruing this, with loue abide, or else hence all be shrewd.

Posies for thine owne bed
Chamber.

What wisdom more, what better life, than pleaseth god to send:
what worldly goods, what löger wife, than pleaseth god to lend:

2 What better fare, then wel content, what mirth to godly welth.
what better guest then trusty friend, in sicknes and in health:

3 What better bed, then quiet rest, to passe the night with sleepe
what better worke, then dayly care, fro sin thy selfe to keepe:

4 What better thought then think on god, and daily him to serue:
what better gift, then to the poore, that ready be to sterue:

5 What greater prayse, of God and man, then hatred to forsake,
what mercyfulnesse, shal mercy get, that mercy none will take:

6 What worse dispaire, then loth to die, for feare to go to hell,
what greater faith, then trust in God, through Christ in heauen to dwell:

A Sonet

A Sonet to the lady Paget.

SOme pleasures take,
and cannot geue,
but onely make,
poore thanks their shift:
Some meaning well,
in det do leue,
and cannot tell.
how else to shift.

Some knock and faine,
would ope the doore,
to learne the vaine,
good turne to praise:
Some shew good face,
and be but poore,
yet haue a grace,
good fame to raise.

Some owe and geue,
yet still in det,
and so must leiue,
for ought I know:
Some wish to pay,
and cannot get,
but night and day,
still more must owe.
Euen so must I, for seruyce past
still wish you good, while life doth last

Principall pointes

of Religion.

1 To pray to God continually,
To learne to know him rightfully,
2 To honour God in Trinitie,
3 The trinitie in vnitie.
The Father in his Maieſtie
The Sonne in his humanitie,
The holy Ghoſts benignitie,
three perſons, one in Dietie,
4 To ſerue him alway holily.
5 To aſke him all thing needfully,
6 To prayſe him alway woorthely,
7 To loue him alway ſtedfaſtly,
8 To dread him alway fearefully,
9 To aſke him mercy hartely,
10 To truſt him alway faithfully,
11 To obey him alway willingly,
12 To abide him alway patiently,
13 To thank him alway thankfully,
14 To liue here alway vertuouſly,
15 To vſe thy neighbour honeſtly,
16 To looke for death ſtill preſently,
17 To helpe the poore in miſery,
18 To hope for heauens felicity,
19 To haue faith hope and charitie,
20 To count this life but vanitie:
bee points of Chriſtianitie.

The

God the Father.

THis is my ſtedfaſt Creede, my faith and al my truſt,
That in the heauens ther is a God, moſt mighty, mild & iuſt:
A God aboue all gods, a king aboue all kinges,
The lord of lords, chief gouernour, of heauen and earthly thinges.

Maker of heauen.

2 That power hath of life, of death, of heauen and hell.
That al thing made (as pleaſeth him) ſo wonderfull to tell:
That made the hanging Skies, ſo deckt with diuers lights,
Of darkenes made the chereful daies, and al our reſtfull nights.

The earth.

3 That clad this earth with herbe, with trees of ſundry fruits,
With beaſt, with bird, both wild and tame, of ſtrang & ſundry ſuits
That intermixt the ſame, with mynes (like veines of Oze)
of ſiluer, gold, of precious ſtones, & treaſures many moze.

4 That ioined brookes to dales, to hils freſh water ſpringes,
With Riuers ſweete, along the meedes, to profit many thinges:
That made the hoary Froſtes, the flaky ſnowes ſo trim,
The hony dewes, the bluſtring windes, to ſerue as pleaſeth him.

The ſeas.

5 That made the ſurging ſeas, in courſe to ebbe and flowe,
That ſkilfull man, with ſailing ſhip, mought trauell to and fro:
And ſtored ſo the ſame, for mans vnthankfull ſake,
that euery nation vnder heauen, mought thereby profit take.

6 That gaue to man a ſoule, with reaſon how to liue,
That doth to him, and al things els, his bleſſing daily giue:
That is not ſeene, yet ſeeth, how man doth run his race,
Whoſe daily workes, both good & bad, ſtand knowne before his face.

7 That ſendeth thundring claps, like terrors out of hell,
That man may know, a God ther is, that in ỹ heauens doth dwel.
That ſendeth threatning plagues, to keepe our liues in awe,
His benefites if we forget, or do contempne his lawe.

8 That dayly hateth ſinne, that loueth vertue well,
And is the God of Abraham, Iſaac, and Iſraell.
That doth diſpleaſure take, when we his lawes offend,
And yet amids his heauy wrath, his mercy doth extend

Chriſt the ſonne.

9 This is that Lord of hoſtes, the father of vs all,
The maker of what ere was made, my God on whom I call.
Which for the loue of man, ſent downe his onely ſonne,
Begot of him before the worldes, were any whit begonne.

Chriſtes birth. Chriſt god and man.

10 This, entred Maries womb, as fayth affirmeth ſure,
Conceyued by the holy ghoſt, borne of that virgin pure.
This, was both God and man, of Iewes the hoped king,
And liued here, ſaue only ſinne, like man in euery thing:

Chriſt our Meſſias.

11 This is that virgins child, that ſame moſt holy Prieſt,
The lamb of God, the Prophet great, whom ſcripture calleth chriſt.
This that Meſſias was, of whom the prophet ſpake,
That ſhould tread down the ſerpents head, & our attonemēt make,

Chriſtes paſſion.

12 This Iudas did betray, to falſe diſſembling Iewes,
Which vnto Pilat being iudge, did falſly him accuſe.
Who (through that wicked Iudge) and of thoſe Iewes deſpight.
Condemned and tormented was, with all therefore they might,

13 To liuing wight more euil. what could ſuch wretches do:
more pearcing wounds, more bitter pains, thā they did put him to-
They crowned him with thorne, that was the king of kings,
that ſought to ſaue the ſoule of man, aboue all worldly things.

Chriſtes death.

14 This was the Paſcall lamb, whoſe loue for vs ſo ſtoode,
that on the mount of Caluerine, did ſhed for vs his bloud.
Where hanging on the croſſe, no ſhame he did forſake,
till death giuen him by pearcing ſpeare, an end of life did make.

Chriſtes buriall.

15 This, Ioſeph ſeeing dead, the body thence did craue,
and tooke it forthwith from the croſſe, and layd it in his graue.

Downe

Downe thence he went to hell, in dying there his will,
His soule I meane, his slayed corps, in Tombe remaining still. His descention.

16 From death to life againe, the third day this did rise,
And seene on earth to his elect, times oft in sundry wise. His resurrection.
And after into heauen, ascende he did in sight, hys ascention
And sitteth on the right hand there, of God the father of might.

17 Where for vs wretches all, his father he doth pray,
to haue respect vnto his death, and put our sinnes away.
From thence with sounded trūp, which noyse al flesh shall dread, Christ shal be our iudge.
he shal returne with glory againe, to iudg the quicke and dead.

18 Then shal that voice be heard, come come ye good to me,
hence hence to hell you workers euill where paine shal euer bee.
This is that louing Christ, whom I my Sauiour call,
and onely put my trust in him, and in none els at all.

19 In God the holy Ghost, I firmely do beleue, God the holy ghost.
Which from the father & the sonne, proceding life doth giue.
Which by the Prophets spake, which doth all comfort send,
which I do trust, shal be my guide, when this my life shal end.

20 A holy catholyke Church, on earth I graunt there is, the Catholyke church.
& those which frame, their liues by that, shall neuer spede amisse,
The head whereof is Christ, his word the chiefest post:
preseruer of this Temple great, is God the holy Ghost.

21 I do not doubt there is, a multitude of Saints, the communion of sancts
more good is done, resembling them, thē shewing thē our plaints.
Their faith and workes in Christ, that glory them did giue:
which glory we shal likewise haue, if lyke wise we do liue.

22 At God of heauen there is, forgiuenes of our sinnes, forgiuenes of sinnes.
through Christes death, through faith in it, & through none other ginnes.
If we repentant here, his mercy daily craue,
through stedfast hope & faith in Christ, forgiuenes we shal haue.

Mans resurrection.

23 I hope and truſt vppon, the riſing of the fleſh,
this coꝛps of mine (that firſt muſt dye) ſhall riſe againe a freſh.
The body and ſoule euen then, in one ſhal ioined bee:
as Chꝛiſt did riſe, frō death to life, euen ſo thꝛough Chꝛiſt ſhal we

Life euerlaſting.

24 As Chꝛiſt is glozified, and neuer moꝛe ſhal dye,
As Chꝛiſt aſcended is to heauen, thꝛough Chꝛiſt euen ſo ſhall I:
As Chꝛiſt I compt my head, and I a member of his,
So God I truſt, foꝛ Chꝛiſtes ſake, ſhall ſettle me in bliſſe.

THus here we learne of God, that therebe perſons thꝛee,
the Father, Sonne, the holy Ghoſt, one God in trinitie.
In ſubſtance all like one, one God, one Lozd one might,
whoſe perſons yet we do deuyde, and ſo we may by right.

As God the father is, the maker of vs all,
So God the Sonne redeemer is, to whom foꝛ helpe wee call,
And God the holy Ghoſt, the ſoule of man doth winne,
By mouing hir to waile foꝛ grace aſhamed of hir ſinne,

This is that God of Gods, whom euery ſoule ſhould loue,
whō al mēs harts, ſhuld quake foꝛ feare, his wꝛath on thē to moue
That this ſame mighty God, aboue all other chiefe:
ſhal ſaue my ſoule, from doleful Hel, is all my whole beliefe.

Of

O God thou glorius God, what God is like to thee?
what like, what strength, is like to thine, as al ỹ world may see:
Thy heauens, thine earth, thy seas, and al thy workes therin,
do shew (to whō thou woldest to know) what thou hast euer bene.

2 But al the thoughts of man, are bent to wretched euill,
Man doth commit Idolatry, bewitched of the Deuill.
What euill is left vndone, where man may haue his will:
Man euer was an hipocrite, and euer wilbe still.

3 What daily watch is made, the soule of man to slea,
By Lucifer, by Belzabub, Mammon, and asmode,
In diuelish pride, in wrath, in coueting too much,
In fleshly lust the time is spent, the life of man is such.

What these 4 principal deuils do signifie.

4 The ioy that man here hath, is as a sparke of fire,
His acts be like, the smoldring smoke, himselfe like dirt ỹ myer:
His strength euen as a Reede, his age much like the flower,
His breth or life is but a puffe, vncertaine euery hower.

5 But for the holy ghost, and for his gifts of grace,
The death of Christ, thy mercy great, man were in woful case.
O graunt vs therefore Lord, to amend that is amisse,
and when from hence we do depart, to rest with thee in blisse.

Elemosina prodest homini in vita, in morte, & post mortem.

FOr onely loue to God, more christian like to liue,
and for a zeale, to helpe the poore, thine almes dayly giue.
Let gift no glory looke, nor euill possesse thy minde:
and for a troth, these profits three, through almes shalt thou finde.

Of almes deedes.

1 Firſt here the holy Ghoſt, ſhall dayly through his grace,
Prouoke thee to repentant life, Gods mercy to embrace.

2 Of goods and frends (by death) when thou thy leaue muſt take,
thyne almes deedes, ſhal claſp thy ſoule, and neuer it forſake.

3 When God ſhal after death, call ſoone for thine accompt,
thin almes thē) through faith in Chriſt) ſhall al things els ſurmount
But yet for any deede, put thou no truſt therein,
But put thy truſt in God (through Chriſt) to pardon thee thy ſyn.
For els as cackling Henne, with noiſe bewraies hir neſt,
Euen ſo go thou and blaze thy deedes, and loſe thou al the reſt.

Malus homo.

Of naughty man I read, two ſundry thinges are ment,
the tone is man, the tother naught, which ought him to repent.
The man we ought to loue, becauſe of much therein,
The euil in him, we ought to hate, euen as a filthy ſin.
So doth thy dayly ſinnes, thy heauenly Lord offend:
But when thou doſt repent the ſame, his wrath is at an end.

Of two ſortes of men, the one good and tother bad.

Since firſt the world began, there was and ſhal be ſtill,
Of humaine kind, two ſundry ſortes, thone good, and thother ill.
Which till the Iudgement day, ſhall here together dwell,
But then the good ſhal vp to heauen, the bad downe to hell.

Diabolo cùm reſiſtitur, eſt vt formica: Cùm vero eius fuga geſtio recipitur, fortis eſt vt Leo.

When Sathan we reſiſt, a Pyſmier ſhal he bee,
But when we ſeeme, to giue him place, a Lion then is hee.

Sanctꝰ

CVR mundus militat, ſub vana gloria,
Cuius proſperitas eſt tranſitoria?
Tam cito labitur, eius potentia,
Quam vaſa figuli, quæ ſunt fragilia,

2 Plus crede litteris, ſcriptis in glacie,
Quam mundi fragilis, vane fallacię.
Fallax in premiis, virtutis ſpecie,
Quæ nunquam habuit tempus fidutiæ.

3 Magis credendum eſt viris fallatibus,
Quam mundi miſeris proſperitatibus,
Falſis inſaniis & voluptatibus,
Falſis qnoque ſtudiis & vanitatibus.

4 Dic vbi Salomon, olim tam nobilis?
Vel vbi Sampſon eſt, dux inuincibilis?
Vel dulcis Ionathas, multum amabilis?
Vel pulcher Abſolon, vultu mirabilis?

5 Quo Cæſer abijt, celſus imperio,
Vel diues ſplendidus, totus in prandio,
Dic vbi Tullius, clarus eloquio,
Vel Ariſtoteles, ſummus ingenio?

6 O æſca verminum, ò maſſa pulueris,
O ros, ò vanitas, cur ſic extolleris?
Ignoras penitus vtrum cras vixeris,
Fac bonum omnibus, quam diu poteris

7 Quam breue feſtum eſt, hæc mundi gloria?
vt vmbra hominum, ſic eius gaudia,
Quæ ſemper ſubtrahit æterna premia,
Et ducunt hominem, ad dura deu ia,

8 Hæc mundi gloria, quę magni penditur,
Sacris in literis, flos fæni dicitur
vt leue folium, quod vento rapitur,
Sic vita hominum, hac vita tollitur.

FINIS.

¶ *Eight of Saint Barnardes verſes, tranſlated out of latin into english by this Author, for one kind of note to ſerue both ditties.*

Why ſo triumphes the world, in pomp and glory vaine,
Whoſe ſtate ſo happy thought, vnſteady doth remaine.
Whoſe bravery ſlippery ſtands, and doth ſo ſoone decay:
As doth the potters pan, compact of brittle clay.

2 More credite ſee thou giue, to letters wrote in yſe,
Then vnto vaine deceipts, of brittle worlds deuyſe.
In gifts to vertue due, beguyling many one,
Yet thoſe ſame neuer haue, long time to hope vpon.

3 To falſe diſſembling men, more truſt is to be had,
Then to the proſperous ſtate, of wretched world ſo bad.
What with voluptuouſnes, and other maddiſh toyes.
Falſe ſtudies wonne with paine, falſe vanities and ioyes.

4 Tel where is *Salomon*, that once ſo noble was,
Or where now *Sampſon* is, in ſtrength whom none could paſſe:
Or worthy *Ionathas*, that prince ſo louely bold:
Or faire *Abſolon*, ſo goodly to behold.

5 Shew whither is *Ceſer* gone, which conquerd farre and neere,
Or that rich famous *Carle*, ſo giuen to belly cheere.

Shew

Shew where is *Tullie* now, for eloquence ſo fitte,
Or *Ariſtotles*, of ſuch a pregnant witte?

6 O thou fit bait for wormes, O thou great heape of duſt,
O dew, O vanitie, why ſo extollſt thy luſt.
Thou therefore ignorant what time thou haſt to liue,
Do good to ery man, while here thou haſt to giue.

7 How ſhort a ferſt (to compt) is this ſame worldes renowne,
Such as mens ſhadowes be, ſuch ioyes it bringes to towne.
Which alwayes plucketh vs, from Gods eternall blise,
And leadeth man to hell, a iuſt reward for his.

8 The bravery of this world, eſteemed here ſo much,
In ſcripture likened is, to flower of graſſe and ſuch.
Like as the leafe ſo light, which wind abrode doth blowe,
So doth this worldly life, the life of man beſtowe.

A.i.

FINIS.

The deſcription of an enuious and naughty neghbour.

AN enuious neighbour is eaſy to finde,
His comberſome tetches, are ſeldome behinde.
His hatred procureth from naughty to wurſe
His friendſhip like Judas, that carried the purſe.
His head as a ſcorſhoule, with gnarels full fraught,
His braine, is vnquiet, till all come to naught.
His memory preignant, old euills to recite,
His mind euer fired, each euill to requite.
His mouth full of venim, his lips out of frame,
His tongue a falſe witneſſe, his frend to defame,
His eyes be promoters, ſome treſpas to ſpye.
His eyes be as ſpyals, a larum to crie.
His hands be as tyrants, reuenging eche thing,
His feete at thine elbow, as ſerpent to ſting.
His breſt full of rancor, like Cyprus to freat,
His hart like a Lion, his neighbour to eat.
His gate like a ſheepebiter, flearing aſide,
His looke like a corcomb, vp puffed with pride,
His face made of braſſe, like a vice in a game,
His geſture like Davus, whom Terence doth name.
His brag as therſites, with elbowes abrode,
His cheekes in his fury, ſhall ſwell like a Tode.
His couler like aſhes, his cap in his eyes
His noſe in the ayer, his ſnout in the ſkies.
His promiſe to truſt to, as ſlipper as Ile,
His credit much like, the chance of the Dyce,
His knowledge or ſkill, is in prating to much,
His company ſhonned, and ſo be all ſuch.
His friendſhip is counterfet, ſeldome to truſt,
His doings vnlucky, and euer vniuſt.
His fetchis to flatter to get what he can,
His purpoſe once gotten, a pynne for thee than.

Fortuna non eſt ſemper amica,
Superbiam igitur ſemper deuita.

THough fortune ſmiles, and fawnes vpon thy ſide,
Thy ſelfe extoll for that no whit the more,
Though Fortune frownes, and wreſteth al thing wide:
Let fanſy ſtay, keepe courage ſtill in ſtore:
For chance may change, as chance hath done before.
Thus ſhalt thou holde, more ſafe thyne honour got.
Or loſe the loſſe, though Fortune will or not.

Thy friend at this, ſhall dayly comfort haue,
When warely thus, thou beareſt thy ſelfe vpright,
Thy foes at this ſhall gladly friendſhip craue,
When hope ſo ſmall is left, to wrecke their ſpight,
For lowly life withſtandeth enuy quight.
As fleeting Ship, by bearing ſayle alowe
Withſtandeth ſtormes, when boiſtrous winds do blowe.

Thyne vſage thus, in time ſhall win the gole,
Though doughtfull haps, dame Fortune ſendes betweene,
And thou ſhalt ſee, thine enemies blow the cole.
To eaſe thine hart much more then thou doſt weene.
Ye though a change, moſt ſtrangely ſhould be ſeene,
Yet friend at neede, ſhall ſecret friendſhip make,
When foe in deede, ſhall want, his part to take.

Of thauthors departing from Court to the countrie.

Muſe not my friend, to finde me here.
Contented with this poore eſtate,
And ſeeme to doo, with willing cheere,
That courtier doth, ſo deadly hate:
For fortunes looke,
Hath changed hew,
And I my booke,
Muſt learne a new,

2 And yet of force, to learne a new,
Would much abath, ỹ dulled braine.
I craue to iudge, if this be true,
the truant child, that knowth ỹ paine.
But where a ſpight,
Of force muſt bee,
What is that wight,
May diſagree.

No, no, God wot, to diſagree,
In bentring all to make or marre,
If fortune frowne, we dayly ſee.
It is not beſt, to ſtriue to farre:
For lordly bent,
Muſt learne to ſpare,
And be content,
With country fare.

4 Frõ daintie court, to country fare
To daintie fed, is diet ſtrange,
From Cities ioy, to country care,
to ſkilles folke, is homely change.

Where

Where need yet can,
none other skill,
somtime poore man
must breake his will.

5 If courtly change, so breaketh will,
that countrey life, must serue the turne,
what profit then, in striuing still,
against the prick to seeme to spurne.
If court with cart,
must be content:
what ease to hart,
though mind repent.

6 What gaine I, though I do repent
my crotches al, are broke and gone,
My wonted friends, are carles bent,
they feare no chance. I chance vpon,
As need doth make
olde age to trot,
So must I take,
in worth my lot.

7 Now if I take in worth my lot
that fortall chance doth force me to,
If ye be friends, embraid me not,
but vse a friend, as friends should do.
Behold the horse
must trudge for pelfe:
And yet of force
content it selfe.

The Authors life.

NOw gentle friend, if thou be kiende,
Disdaine thou not, although the lot,
will now with me, no better be,
then doth appere.
Nor let it greeue, that thus I liue,
But rather gesse, for quietnes.
As others do, so do I to,
Content me here,

2 By leaue & loue, of God aboue,
I mind to shew, in verses few,
how through ỹ yeers, my youthful yeres
haue ronne their race:
And further say, why thus I stay,
and minde to liue, as Bee in hiue,
Full bent to spend, my life to an end,
in this same place,

Borne at Ryuenhall in Esser

3 It came to pas, that borne I was,
Of linnage good, of gentle blood,
In Esser layer, in village fayer,
that Riuenhall hight:
Which village lide, by bancktre side,
There spend did I, myne infancy,
There then my name in honest fame,
remaind in sight.

4 I, yet but yong, no speeche of tongue,
Nor teares withall, that often fall.
Fro mothers eyes, when childe out cryes
to part her fro:

Set to song schoole.

Could pitie make, good father take,
But out I must, to songe be thrust,
Say what I would, do what I could,
his mynd was so.

D.

5 O paine full time, for euery crime,
What toesed eares, like bayted beares.
What bobed lips, what terkes, what nips,
what hellish toyes:
What robes how bare, what colledge farr.
What bread how stale, what penny ale,
When Wallingford, how wart thou aboard.
of seely boyes.

Queristers misery.

Wallingford college.

6 Then for my boyce, I must (no choyce)
Away of force, like poesting horse,
For sundry men, had plagards then,
such child to take:
The better brest, the lesser rest,
To serue the Quere, now there now heere,
For time so spent I may repent,
and sorrow make.

Singing mens commissions.

7 But marke the chance, my selfe to vance.
By friendships lot, to Powles I got,
So found I grace, a certaine space,
still to remaine:
With Redford there, the like no where,
For cunning such, and vertue much,
By whom some part, of Musicke art,
so did I gaine.

John Redford an excellent musition.

8 From Powles I went. to Aeton sent,
To learne straight wayes, the Latine phraise,
Where fiftie three, stripes giuen to mee,
at once I had:
For faut but small, or none at all,
It came to passe, thus beat I was,
See Vdall see, the mercy of thee,
to mee poore lad.

Nicholas Vdal schole master at Eton.

To London hence, to cambridge thence,
Trinitie hall in Camdridge With thankes to the, O Trinitie,
That to thy hall, so passing all,
I got at last:
There ioy I felt, there trim I dwelt,
There heauen from hell, I chiefted well.
With learned men, a number then,
the time I past.

10 Long sickne's had, then was I glad,
To leaue my booke, to proone and looke,
In Court what gaine, by taking payne,
mought well be found:
Lord Paget good to his seruants Lord Paget than, that noble man,
Whose soule I trust, is with the iust,
That same was hee, enriched mee,
with many a pound.

11 While this betyed, good parents dyed,
One after one, till both were gone,
Whose petygree, who lyst may see,
In Harolds booke:
The hope we haue of the dead. Whose soules in blis, be longer this,
For hope we must, as God is iust,
So here that craue, shall mercy haue,
That mercy looke.

12 By Court I spyed, and ten yeares tryed,
The vices of the court That Cardes and Dyce, with Venus vyce,
And peeuish pride, from vertue wyde,
With some so wraught:
That Tyburne playe made them away,
Or beggers state, as euill to hate.
By such like euils, I saw such dreuils,
To come to naught.

13 Yet

13 Yet is it not, to be forgot,
In Court that some, to worship come,
And some in time, to honour clime,
and spede ful well:
Some haue such gift, that trim they shift,
Some profit make, by paines they take,
In perill much, though oft are such,
In Court that dwell.

The Court commended.

14 When Court gan frown, and strike in town
And Lordes & knightes, saw heauy sightes
Then tooke I wife, and led my life,
In Suffolke soile:
There was I faine, my selfe to traine,
To learne to long, the fermours song.
For hope of pelfe, like worldly elfe,
to moile and toile.

The nobility at variance.

15 As in this booke, who lyst to looke,
Of husbandry, and huswifery,
There may he finde, more of my minde,
concerning this:
To carpe and care, and euer bare,
with losse and paine, to little gaine,
All this to haue, to cram sir knaue,
what life it is.

16 When wife could not, through sickenes got
more toile abide, so nigh Sea side,
Then thought I best, from toile to rest,
and Ipswich trye:
A towne of price, like paradise,
For quiet then, and honest men.
There was I glad, much friendship had,
a time to lye.

17 There left good wife, this present life,
And there left I, house charges lye,
For glad was he, mought send for me,
good lucke so stoode:
In Suffolke there, were euery where,
Euen of the best, besides the rest,
That neuer did, theire frendship hid,
to do me good.

18 O Suffolke thou, content thee now,
Th at hadst the praise, in those same dayes,
For Squyers & knightes, that well delights.
good house to keepe:
For Norfolke wyles, so full of guyles,
Haue caught my toe, by wiuing so,
That out to thee, I see for mee,
No way to creepe.

Maisters Any Woone.

19 For lo, through guyle, what haps the while,
Through venus toles, in hope of ioyes,
I chanced soone, to find a moone,
of cheerefull hew,
Which well a fyne, me thought did shine,
Did neuer change, (a thing most strange)
Yet kept in sight, hir course a right,
and compasse trew.

The charges folowing a yong wife.

20 Behold of truth, with wife in youth,
For ioy at large, what daily charge,
Through children, what spened gap,
to more begonne:
The child at nurse, to rob the purse,
The same to wed, to trouble hed,
For pleasure rare, such endlesse care,
hath husband wonne.

21 Then

21 Then did I Iewel in Dyram ſeil,
A place for wood, that trimly ſtood,
With fiſh and fiſh, as hart would wiſh,
But when I ſpide:
That Lord with Lord, could not accord
But now pound he, and now pound we,
Then left I all, becauſe ſuch brall,
I liſt not bide.

Iewell Dyram Abbey.

22 O Soothwell what, meanſt thou by that,
Thou worthy wight, thou famous Knight,
So me to craue, and to thy graue,
Go by and by:
O death thou foe, why didſt thou ſo,
Ungently treate, that Iewel great,
Which kept his doore, to rich and poore,
So bounteouſly.

Sir Richard Soothwell.

23 There thus beſtad, when leaue I had
By death of him, to ſinke or ſwim,
And Rauens I ſaw, together drawe,
In ſuch a ſort:
Then waies I ſought, by wiſedome tought,
To beare low ſaile, leaſt ſtock ſhould quaile,
All ſhip mought finde, with proſperous wind,
Some ſafer port.

24 At length by view, to thore I drew,
Diſcharging ſtraight, both ſhip and fraight,
At Norwiche fyne, for me and mine,
a Citty trim:
Where ſtraungers well, may ſeeme to dwell,
That pitch and pay, or keepe their day,
But who that want, ſhal fynd it ſkant,
So good for him.

Northwich Citie.

Walter Salisbury deane of Norwich.

25 But Salisbury how, were kept by how
If praise from thee, were kept by mee,
Thou gentle deane, my onely meane,
there then to liue:
Though churles such some, to craue can come,
And pray once got, regard thee not,
Yet liue or dye, so will not I,
example giue.

26 When learned men, could there nor then,
Deuyse to aswage, the stony rage,
Nor yet the fury, of my desury,
that long I had:
From Norwich ayer, in greater dispaire,
Away to flye, or els to dye,
To seeke more health, to seeke more welth,
then was I glad,

Fayersted personage.

27 From thence so sent, away I went,
With sickenes worne, as one forlorne,
To house my hed, at Fayersted,
where whiles I dwelt:
The tithing life, the tything strife,
Through tything ill, of Jack and Gyll,
The dayly payes, the mery waies,
to long I felt.

28 When charges grew, still new and new,
And that I spide, ill person died,
(Al hope in vaine,) to hope for gaine,
I might go daunce:
Once rid my hand, of personage land,
Thence by and by, away went I,
To London straight, to hope and waight,
for better chaunce,

29 Wel

London commended.

29 Well London well, that bearest the bell,
Of praise about, England through out,
And doost in deede, to such as neede
much kindnes shew,
Who that with thee, can hardly agree,
Nor can well praise, thy frendly wayes,
Shall frindship find, to please his mind,
in places few.

30 As for such mates, as vertue hates,
Or he or they, as go so gey,
That needes he must, take al of trust,
For him and his:
Though such for wo, by Lothbury go,
For being spide, about Cheapeside.
Least Mercers books, for money lookes,
Small matter it is'

31 When gaines was gon, & yeres grow on,
And death did crye, from London flye.
in Cambridge then, I found a gen,
a resting plot:
In Colledge best, of al the rest.
with thankes to thee, O Trinitie,
Throuhh thee and thine, for me and mine,
Some stay I got.

32 Since hap haps so, let toyling go,
Let seruing paines, yeld forth her gaines,
Let courtly giftes, with wedding shiftes,
Helpe now to liue.
Let Musicke win, let store cum in,
Let wisedome karue, let reason serue,
For here I craue, such end to haue
As God shall geue.

A lesson for yonger brothers.

33 ¶ Thus frends by me, perceiue may ye,
That gentry stands, not al by lands,
Nor also seft, or plentie left,
By parents gift:
But now and then, of gentlemen,
The yonger sonne, is driuen to ronne,
And glad to seeke, from creeke to creeke,
to come by thrift.

34 And more by this, to consider is,
In world is set, ynough to get,
But where and whan, that scarcely can,
the wisest tell:
By learning some, to riches come,
By ship and plough, some get enough,
And some so thriue, that trim they thriue,
and speede ful well.

Hardnes in youth not the worst.

35 To this before, ad one thing more,
Youth hardnes tought, w̄ knowledg wrought
Most apt do proue, so shift and shoue,
among the best:

Coking of youth not the best.

Where cocking Dads, make sawsie lads,
In youth so rage, to beg in age,
Or els to fetch, a Tyburne stretch,
among the rest.

Not pride in youth, but welth in age needeful.

36 Not rampish toye, of gyrke and boye,
Nor garment trim, of her or him,
In chiefe hode spent, to send content,
Good end doth frame:
If marke we shall, the summe of all,
The end it is, that noted is,
Which if it bide, with vertue tride,
deserueth fame.

37 When

Man doth labor & god doth blesse.

37 When all is doone, learne this my sonne,
Not friend nor skill, nor wit at will.
Nor ship nor clod. but onely God,
doth all in all:
Man taketh paine, God giueth gaine,
Man doth his best, God doth the rest,
Man well entendes, God foyzen sends,
Els want he shall.

38 Some seeke for wealth, I seeke my health,
Some seeke to please, I seeke mine ease,
Some seeke to saue, I seeke to haue,
to liue vpright:
More then to ride, with pompe and pride,
Or for to iet, in others det,
Such is my skill, and shalbe still,
for any wight.

39 To fond were I, here thus to lye,
Unles that wealth, mought further health,
And profit some, should thereby come,
to help withall:
This causeth mee, well pleased bee,
such drift to make, such life to take,
Enforsing mind, remorse to finde,
as neede, neede shall.

40 Friend (al thing wayed, that here is sayed
and beeing got, that paies the shot)
Me thinke of right, haue leaue I might,
death drawing nere:
To seeke some waies, my God to praise,
and mercy craue, in time to haue,
and for the rest, what hee think es best,
to suffer here.

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take of the best [illegible] therein then take of grames j.th Safforne [illegible]
Turmerick iij.th Hartz horne the waight of iiij.th longe peper ij.th mangrets [illegible]
waight of 4.th dry that is to bee dryed, beate all to very fine poulder put [illegible]
poulder in the decoction stirre all well together, then take 3 or 4
gads of steele redd hott quench the therein 3 or 4 times togather [illegible]
drinke thereof 8 or 9 dayes first or last 7 or 8 spoonefull warme. [illegible]
inge strayned you must boyle the dregs in 2 quarts of table ate to
drinke wth meate.

This drinke purgeth the liver of yellow coller and the overflow
inge of the gall it helpeth shortnes of breath, weakenes and tayntnes
of the heart, wth the opelations of the liver, splene and Lionesse
With such like.

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